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## CONFERENCE ROLL.

Name	Entered Conference		Entered Dakota Conference		Conference Relation	Address
	Time	Conference	Time	Manner		
Beavis, R. B.....	1894	British Col...	1896	Credentials..	Effective ..	.....Sioux Falls
Boyce, O. E.....	1902	Dakota .....	1902	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Evanston, Ill.
Bromaghim, F. L..	1895	S. Dakota....	1895	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....DeVoe
Brown, G. D.....	1897	S. Dakota....	1897	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Salem
Brown, S. F.....	1866	Wyoming....	1885	Charter Mbr.	Sup'y.....	.....Bangor
Bunt, P. O.....	1902	Dakota .....	1902	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Alpena
Butterfield, O. W.	1903	Dakota .....	1903	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Evanston, Ill.
Carhart, A. E.,...	1892	Dakota .....	1892	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Mitchell
Case, F. F.....	1902	Dakota .....	1902	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Rapid City
Chamberlain, D. W.	.....	N. W. Iowa..	1885	Charter Mbr.	Supt.....	.....Scotland
Chappell, E. S.....	1891	Dakota .....	1891	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Alexandria
Chappell, S. A.....	1897	Dakota .....	1897	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Milbank
Cave, W. A.....	1901	Dakota .....	1901	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Flandreau
Corwin, G. J.....	1886	Dakota .....	1886	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Fairfax
Cory, W. H.....	1891	Dakota .....	1891	Probation ...	Sup'y.....	.....Seattle, Wash.
Clark, C. B.....	1864	Iowa.....	1900	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Deadwood
Crowther, James..	1904	Dakota .....	1904	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Mitchell
Dean, E. E.....	1896	Dakota .....	1896	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Warner
Deeble, W. D.....	1888	Dakota .....	1888	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Britton
Dempsey, R. H.....	1899	North Minn..	1900	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Highmore
Dibble, J. B.....	1890	Dakota .....	1890	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Parker
Dobson, J. O.....	1885	Upper Iowa..	1893	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Mitchell
Dunn, F. B.....	.....	Des Moines..	1904	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Sisseton
Ehlers, W. C.....	1901	Dakota .....	1901	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Big.. Stone City
Farr, H. I.....	1903	Dakota .....	1903	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Tempe, Ariz.
Fillebrown, C. L..	.....	Central Ohio	1903	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Wolsey
Fox, Frank.....	1900	Dakota .....	1900	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Doland
Graham, W. I.....	1878	Iowa.....	1897	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Watertown
Granger, G. L.....	1904	Dakota .....	1904	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Evanston, Ill.
Gram, W. O.....	1893	Dakota .....	1893	Probation ...	Supt.....	.....Bath
Greene, W. A.....	1897	Dakota .....	1897	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Platte
Gurney, J. T.....	1896	Detroit.....	1900	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Wessington
Hager, C. E.....	1878	Upper Iowa..	1885	Charter Mbr.	Effective ..	.....Huron
Hall, E. P.....	.....	North Dakota	1896	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Aberdeen
Hall J. G.....	1886	Ohio.....	1886	Transfer.....	Supt.....	Albuquerque, N. M.
Hall, John.....	1899	Black Hills..	1900	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Custer
Harkness, J. S.....	1894	Wesleyan C..	1894	Credentials..	Effective ..	.....Webster
Hartsough, L.....	1851	Oneida.....	1885	Charter Mbr.	Supt.....	.....Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Hastings, H. L.....	1904	Dakota .....	1904	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Hudson
Hopkins, G. F.....	1888	British Col..	1893	Credentials..	Effective ..	.....Brookings
Hyde, O. M.....	1893	Dakota .....	1903	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Hazel
Ingersoll, P. S.....	1899	Dakota .....	1899	Probation ...	Sup'y.....	.....Selby
Jamieson, A.....	1872	N. W. Iowa..	1885	Charter Mbr.	Effective ..	.....Beresford
Janes, A. P.....	1890	Dakota .....	1890	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Piankinton
Jenkins, J. P.....	1887	Dakota .....	1887	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Sioux Falls
Johnson, N. P.....	1894	W. N. Dan..	1899	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Selby
Kaye, John.....	1897	Dakota .....	1897	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Howard
Kerr, D. S.....	1902	Dakota .....	1902	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Ashton
Krueger, F. T.....	1897	Colorado....	1904	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Madison
Lane, L. L.....	1899	Dakota .....	1899	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Groton
Logsdon, C. E.....	1899	Upper Iowa..	1899	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....White Lake
Lucas, J. W.....	.....	N. Indiana...	1904	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Davis
MacDuffee, F. C..	1894	Dakota .....	1894	Probation ...	Sup'y.....	.....Custer
McEldowney, B. W.	1902	Dakota .....	1902	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Bristol
McLean, D. C.....	1890	Dakota .....	1890	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Webster
McLean, L.....	1883	Ce. Illinois..	1895	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Mt. Vernon
McLean, A. C.....	1904	Dakota .....	1904	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Arlington
MacBeth, P. H.....	1903	Dakota .....	1903	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Faulkton
Ma-on, Wm.....	1904	Dakota .....	1904	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Dudley
Meinzer, W. L.....	1897	Dakota .....	1897	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Clark
Murray, D. E.....	1903	Dakota .....	1903	Probation ...	Effective ..	.....Miller
Minty, W. F.....	1877	Rock River...	1885	Charter Mbr.	Effective ..	.....Egan
Nickerson, M. E.....	1885	N. W. Iowa..	1885	Charter Mbr.	Sup'y.....	.....Hamline, Minn
Nicholson, Thos..	.....	.....	1903	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Mitchell
Norton, F. J.....	1878	Upper Iowa..	1895	Transfer.....	Effective ..	.....Gettsburg
Norvell, J. E.....	1885	N. W. Iowa..	1885	Charter Mbr.	Effective ..	.....Northville

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## CONFERENCE ROLL—Concluded

Name	Entered Conference		Entered Dakota Conference		Conference Relation	Address
	Time	Conference	Time	Manner		
Notson, G. T. ....	1893	Des Moines...	1894	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Pierre
Potter, I. P. ....	1897	Dakota .....	1897	Probation ..	Effective ..	Oacoma
Preston, Henry....	1903	Dakota .....	1903	Probation ..	Effective ..	DeSmet
Phillips, O. A. ....	1863	Un'd Breth..	1885	Charter Mbr.	Effective ..	Hitchcock
Redburn, W. B. ....	1889	Missouri ....	1897	Transfer ....	Sup'y.....	Long Beach, Cal.
Redfield, W. O. ....	1890	Dakota .....	1890	Probation ..	Effective ..	Hartford
Rifenbark, D. ....	1885	N. W. Iowa..	1885	Charter Mbr.	Effective ..	Huron
Rosenberry, G. W. .	..	Cent. N. Y... 1901	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Effective ..	Yankton
Sanderson, T. ....	1896	Dakota .....	1896	Probation ..	Effective ..	White
Saxton, E. E. ....	1901	Dakota .....	1901	Probation ..	Effective ..	Corona
Seaton, J. L. ....	..	Upper Iowa. 1904	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Effective ..	Mitchell
Shepherd, A. C. ....	1898	Dakota .....	1898	Probation ..	Effective ..	Vermillion
Shepherd, W. S. ....	1898	Dakota .....	1898	Probation ..	Effective ..	Watertown
Sevy, I. B. ....	1901	Dakota .....	1901	Probation ..	Effective ..	Canistota
Simmons, T. ....	1875	Upper Iowa. 1885	Charter Mbr.	Sup'y.....	Effective ..	Chicago, Ill.
Simmons, E. E. ....	..	N. W. Iowa.. 1903	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Effective ..	Lake Preston
Shugg, W. E. ....	..	Cent. N. Y. 1903	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Effective ..	Lennox
Slocum, W. P. ....	1902	Dakota .....	1902	Probation ..	Effective ..	Hurley
Slocumb, L. V. ....	1903	Dakota .....	1903	Probation ..	Effective ..	Alcester
Smith, E. E. ....	..	Cent. N. Y. 1904	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Effective ..	Bristol
Smith, H. W. ....	1904	Dakota .....	1904	Probation ..	Effective ..	Montrose
Springer, H. M. ....	1864	W. Wis. ....	1885	Charter Mbr.	Supt. ....	Hazel
Stewart, W. B. ....	1893	Dakota .....	1893	Probation ..	Effective ..	Elk Point
Stiles, B. F. ....	1903	Dakota .....	1903	Probation ..	Effective ..	Winthrop
Swickard, N. A. ....	1891	Kansas .....	1896	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Canton
Tanner, A. E. ....	1883	Genesee.....	1885	Transfer ....	Sup'y.....	Mitchell
Taylor, J. W. ....	..	Detroit.....	1902	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Aberdeen
Thibadeau, A. D. ....	1904	Dakota .....	1904	Probation ..	Effective ..	Redfield
Thomas, Martin....	1901	Dakota .....	1901	Probation ..	Effective ..	Terry
Thurston, A. W. ....	1897	Dakota .....	1897	Probation ..	Effective ..	Scotland
Underwood, Wm. ....	1853	Rock Hiver..	1887	Re-admis...	Supt. ....	White Lake
Van DerVoort, R. J.	1904	Dakota .....	1894	Probation ..	Effective ..	Colman
Vogt, J. H. ....	1902	Missouri ....	1903	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Bath
Walker, T. H. ....	1864	Can. Wes'n..	1885	Charter Mbr.	Supt. ....	Judsonia, Ark.
Wallis, H. K. ....	1904	Dakota .....	1904	Probation ..	Effective ..	Gary
Weaver, S. T. ....	1894	Des Moines..	1902	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Sioux Falls
Webster, G. E. ....	1902	Wisconsin... 1903	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Effective ..	Armour
Wilkinson, T. ....	1871	Prim. Meth... 1891	Credentials..	Supt. ....	Effective ..	Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Wilkinson, H. S. ....	1893	Upper Iowa. 1900	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Effective ..	Mitchell
Wilkinson, W. A. ....	..	N. W. Iowa. 1904	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Effective ..	Centerville
Watson, S. J. ....	1897	Dakota .....	1897	Probation ..	Effective ..	Wessington Springs
Williams, O. ....	1860	Des Moines..	1892	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Armour
Walker, C. O. ....	1900	Dakota .....	1900	Probation ..	Effective ..	Claremont
Winner, J. O. ....	..	Newark.....	1904	Transfer ....	Effective ..	Sionx Falls
Youngman, T. ....	1867	Oneida.....	1891	Transfer ....	Sup'y.....	Mitchell

## PROBATIONERS

Name	Admitted		Class	Address
	Conference	Year		
Bigelow, J. C. ....	Dakota .....	1903.	Second Year.....	Wakonda
Jones, John .....	Dakota .....	1903.	Second Year. ....	Dell Rapids
Kearton, J. H. ....	Dakota .....	1903.	Second Year.....	Fulton
Scott, W. S. ....	Dakota .....	1903.	Second Year.....	Letcher
Shurtleff, S. H. ....	Dakota .....	1903.	Second Year.....	Harrisburg
Tarleton, R. E. ....	Dakota .....	1903.	Second Year.....	Mellette
Ward, A. M. ....	Dakota .....	1900.	Third Year.....	Frederick
Weston, P. H. ....	Dakota .....	1901.	Second Year.....	Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Cathers, A. L. ....	Dakota .....	1904.	First Year.....	Burdette
Holgate, Ernest....	Dakota .....	1904.	First Year.....	Chamberlain
Keckler, L. R. ....	Dakota .....	1903.	First Year.....	Valley Springs
Machemer, E. O. ....	Dakota .....	1904.	First Year.....	Langford
McLeod Norman, .....	Dakota .....	1904.	First Year.....	Geddes

## MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS. 1904-5

### ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Andover.....	\$100 00	Herreid and Mound City ....	75 00
Ashton.....	50 00	Langford.....	100 00
Bowdle.....	125 00	Leola.....	100 00
Bristol and Butler..	75 00	Mellette.....	75 00
Claremont.....	50 00	Northville.....	75 00
Conde.....	80 00	Selby and Bangor.....	90 00
Devoe.....	125 00	Warner.....	125 00
Doland.....	100 00	District.....	400 00
Frederick.....	100 00		
Groton.....	50 00	Total ..	\$1975 00
Hecla.....	80 00		

### HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena.....	\$ 60 00	Miller.....	50 00
Blunt and Onida.....	150 00	Okobojo.....	100 00
Burdette.....	90 00	Pierre.....	80 00
Cavour.....	120 00	Wolsey.....	120 00
DeSmet.....	50 00	Wessington.....	120 00
Faulkton.....	50 00	Wessington Springs .....	50 00
Forest City.....	50 00	Winthrop.....	80 00
Gettysburg.....	220 00	Willow Lakes .....	100 00
Hitchcock.....	50 00	District.....	350 00
Highmore.....	120 00	New work.....	150 00
Iroquois.....	65 00		
Lebanon..	100 00	Total .....	\$2325 00

### MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Armour.....	\$100 00	Springfield.....	100 00
Bard.....	40 00	Tyndall.....	80 00
Canistota.....	60 00	Tripp.....	190 00
Fairfax.....	100 00	White Lake.....	100 00
Howard.....	60 00	Dudley Ct.....	110 00
Kimball.....	100 00	District.....	200 00
Letcher.....	100 00	Lyman Co. Mission—special app'n	300 00
Mount Vernon.....	60 00		
Plankinton.....	60 00	Total.....	\$1650 00

### SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Alcester..	\$ 80 00	Irene .....	40 00
Beresford.....	40 00	Lennox.....	80 00
Bloomington and Richland.....	40 00	Montrose.....	80 00
Egan.....	40 00	Marion.....	50 00
Elkpoint.....	100 00	Jordan Ch—Sioux Falls...	150 00
Garretson.....	60 00	Wakonda.....	30 00
Gayville.....	30 00	Worthing.....	40 00
Hudson.....	80 00		
Hurley.....	30 00	Total .....	\$970 00

### WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Aurora and Elkton.....	\$ 90 00	Kampeska.....	100 00
Bruce.....	100 00	Lake Preston...	80 00
Bradley.....	40 00	Summit.....	50 00
Castlewood .....	100 00	Vienna.....	100 00
Clear Lake.....	100 00	White Rock.....	100 00
Wilmot and Corona...	40 00		
Garden City.....	40 00	Total ..	\$980 00
Hazel.....	40 00		

## JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

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### FIRST DAY

Mitchell, S. Dak., Oct, 1904.

The Twentieth session of the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Mitchell S. Dak., at 9 o'clock, a. m., Bishop John W. Hamilton, D. D. L.L. D., presiding.

The Conference joined in singing Hymn 798. After reading the Tenth Chapter of Matthew, the Bishop led in prayer, and assisted by the Presiding Elders and the Pastor of the church, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Roll Call**—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll and the following brethren responded: R. B. Beavis, O. E. Boyce, F. L. Bromaghim, G. D. Brown, P. O. Bunt, O. W. Butterfield, A. E. Carhart, F. F. Case, E. S. Chappell, S. A. Chappell, W. A. Cave, G. J. Corwin, E. E. Dean, W. D. Deeble, J. B. Dibble, J. O. Dobson, W. C. Ehlers, W. I. Graham, W. A. Greene, J. T. Gurney, C. E. Hager, E. P. Hall, J. S. Harkness, G. F. Hopkins, O. M. Hyde, A. Jamieson, A. P. Janes, J. P. Jenkins, N. P. Johnson, W. H. Jordan, John Kaye, D. S. Kerr, L. L. Lane, C. E. Logsdon, P. H. McBeth, D. E. Murray, W. L. Meinzer, W. F. Minty, Thos. Nicholson, F. J. Norton, J. E. Norvell, G. T. Notson, I. P. Potter, Henry Preston, O. A. Phillips, W. O. Redfield, D. Rifenbark, G. W. Rosenberry, Thos. Sanderson, A. C. Shepherd, W. S. Shepherd, W. P. Slocum, L. V. Slocumb, W. B. Stewart, B. F. Stiles, N. A. Swickard, A. E. Tanner, A. W. Thurston, J. W. Taylor, J. H. Vogt, S. T. Weaver, G. E. Webster, H. S. Wilkinson, S. J. Watson, O. Williams, C. O. Walker, T. H. Youngman.—67.

**Probationers**—James Crowther, H. L. Hastings, A. C. McLean, William Mason, H. W. Smith, A. D. Thibadeau, R. J. VanDerVoort, H. K. Wallis, A. M. Ward, J. C. Bigelow, G. L. Granger, John Jones, J. H. Kearton, L. R. Keckler, W. S. Scott, S. H. Shurtleff, R. E. Tarleton.—17.

**Transfers**—F. T. Krueger, of the Colorado conference, and C. L. Fillebrown, of the Central Ohio conference were announced as transferred to this Conference.

Geo. S. Parker was announced as transferred to the Colorado conference.

**Organization**—G. T. Notson was re-elected Secretary, and upon his nomination, W. S. Shepherd and R. B. Beavis were elected assistants.

J. S. Harkness was re-elected Treasurer, and named G. W. Rosenberry, O. E. Boyce, C. O. Walker, and Thos. Sanderson as his assistants.

W. B. Stewart was elected Statistical Secretary, and nominated F. L.



Bromaghim, Henry Preston, A. W. Thurston, H. W. Smith, and W. C. Ehlers, assistant statisticians.

*Postmaster*—W. P. Slocum was elected postmaster.

*Reporter*—W. A. Cave was elected reporter for the local papers.

**Conference Bar**—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first six rows of seats.

**Hour of Meeting**—It was voted that the hour of meeting be fixed at 8:30 a. m., and the hour of adjournment at 11:45 a. m., the first half hour to be devoted to devotional exercises.

**Methodist Review**—J. T. Gurney was elected canvasser for the Methodist Review.

**Special Collections**—On motion of T. H. Youngman, all monies collected for charitable purposes and raised for evangelistic work, be included in the Statistics under the head of other collections.

**Committees**—On motion of Thomas Nicholson a committee consisting of T. H. Youngman, H. S. Wilkinson and W. L. Meinzer were elected to determine what shall be included under the head of other benevolences. The list of standing committees was called and revised.

**Papers**—Certain papers were distributed to various committees by the Bishop.

**L. T. Guild**—Upon the recommendation of Bishop Hamilton, L. T. Guild was re-admitted on a certificate of location from the Des Moines conference, and his transfer to the Northern Minnesota Conference was announced.

**F. A. LaViolette**—A communication from F. A. LaViolette, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, Juneau, Alaska, and a former member of this Conference, was read by the Secretary, and a fitting response to the same was ordered by the Conference.

**Introductions**—E. R. Graham, junior agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern; F. E. Hall, field agent of the Anti-Saloon League; E. E. Smith of the Central New York conference; J. D. Taylor, of the Rock River conference, were introduced.

E. R. Graham addressed the Conference.

**Conference Relations**—Voted that all candidates for admission on trial, by credentials and on certificates of location, also those to be received into full connection, be required to appear before the Committee on Conference Relations, and all the cases of supernumeraries and superannuates, and those who are likely to have their relations changed to either of the above relations be referred to the same committee. In all cases where the Presiding Elders are unanimous, cases may be referred by them to the Committee on Conference Relations.

**Age Limit**—The rule of our Conference fixing the age limit for admission on trial at 35 years, was re-affirmed.

**Memorial Hall**—On motion of Thomas Nicholson, Dr. W. I. Graham was requested to prepare a full statement of the amounts paid in from each charge for Century Memorial Hall, similar to the report made last year.

**Time**—By vote of the Conference the time was extended.

**Dividends**—Dividends from the Book Concern for \$636, and \$22 from the Chartered Fund were announced and drafts ordered for the same.



**Dakota University**—The report of the Board of Trustees of Dakota University was presented by Dr. Thos. Nicholson and was referred to the Committee on Education, and on his motion was made the special order for 10:30 o'clock, tomorrow.

**Statistical Session**—A statistical session was ordered for 1:30 o'clock p. m.

**Adjournment**—Committees were called, announcements made and after singing the Doxology the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

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### STATISTICAL SESSION.

The Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock with the Rev. A. Jamieson in the chair, by appointment of the Bishop.

After prayer by Rev. A. E. Carhart, the statistics were collected and the Conference adjourned.

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### SECOND DAY.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 1904.

The Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., with devotional services conducted by the Rev. A. Jamieson. Bishop Hamilton took the chair at 9:00 o'clock.

**Journal**—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

**Delinquents**—The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer called the list of delinquent charges.

**Transfers**—W. A. Wilkinson from the Northwest Iowa conference, and Frank B. Dunn from Des Moines Conference, were announced as transferred to this Conference.

**Introductions**—W. A. Wilkinson and F. T. Krueger, and the Rev. C. H. Powell, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church, were introduced.

**Referred**—The report of the Book Committee was read and referred to the Committee on Church Literature.

A communication from the Treasurer of the Episcopal fund was read and referred to the Presiding Elders.

**QUESTION THIRTEEN**—"Was the character of each Preacher examined?"—was taken up. The following Presiding Elders were called, passed in character and read their reports. E. P. Hall, Aberdeen District; J. O. Dobson, Huron District; C. E. Hager, Mitchell District; J. P. Jenkins, Sioux Falls District; Duane Rifenbark, Watertown District.

**Offering**—An offering was taken for the relief of Wm. P. Arnold, a former pastor within the bounds of this Conference.

**QUESTION SEVEN**—"Who Have Been Admitted Into Full Membership?"—was taken up. Hall K. Wallis and Asa D. Thibadeau were passed in

character and reported their collections. They were represented by the examiners, the Committee on Conference Relations, and their Presiding Elders, and credited with the studies of the Fourth Year, and it was moved that they be admitted into Full Membership.

Horace L. Hastings, Allen C. McLean, Jas. Crowther, Riley J. VanDerVoort, William Mason, and Hudson W. Smith were passed in character and reported their collections. They were represented by the Examiners, the Committee on Conference Relations and their Presiding Elders advanced to studies of the Third Year and the motion made to admit them into Full Membership. Arthur M. Ward was passed in character and reported his collections. He was represented by the Examiners, the Committee on Conference Relations, and it was moved that he be continued on trial and credited with the studies of the Third Year.

Robert E. Tarleton and Gorden L. Granger were passed in character, reported their collections, and were represented by their Presiding Elders.

Parley H. Weston was passed in character.

**Hospitals**—The Rev. Wm. Fielder, D. D. of the Northern Minnesota Conference, and Mrs. S. H. Knight and Mrs. C. C. Taylor, representing Asbury Hospital, were introduced. Mrs. Knight and Dr. Fielder addressed the Conference in behalf of the Hospital work.

On motion of J. O. Dobson the Conference re-affirmed its former action endorsing Asbury Hospital, and agreeing to take an annual collection for the same.

The Committee on Hospitals was instructed to name a day for the offering to be made.

**Time**—By vote of the Conference the time was extended.

**Postponed**—On motion of Thomas Nicholson, the order of the day set for 10:30 o'clock was postponed to follow the reading of the Minutes, Friday morning.

**Memoirs**—A Committee on Memoirs was selected consisting of A. Jamieson, O. A. Phillips, W. D. Deeble, S. A. Chappell and W. A. Greene.

**Closing**—The announcements were made, and after singing the Doxology, Dr. William Fielder pronounced the Benediction.

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### THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Friday, October 14, 1904.

The Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. W. F. Minty. Bishop Hamilton took the chair at 9:00 o'clock and called for the reading of the Minutes, which were approved.

**Visitors**—The following named were introduced to the Conference: Rev. J. E. Moore of the North Nebraska conference; Rev. J. D. Requa of the Genesee conference; Rev. J. F. Stout of the Minnesota conference; Rev. J. S. Surback, pastor of the Presbyterian church; Hon. S. H. Elrod, of Clark, and Hon. Frank Crane, of Pierre.

**Education**—The order of the day was taken up and Dr. Thomas Nichol-

son read the report of the Board of Trustees of Dakota University, which was received by the Conference and ordered published in the minutes. The report of the committee on Education was read and adopted. Upon the invitation of the Conference Bishop Hamilton spoke briefly on Christian Education. The Conference proceeded to the election of trustees of Dakota University with the following result:

## CLASS OF 1905

E. P. Hall, Aberdeen; R. N. Kratz, Mitchell; Hon. Frank Crane, Pierre; B. C. Lamont, Aberdeen; T. R. Walker, Vermillion; W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls; J. P. Jenkins, Sioux Falls; C. B. Clark, Deadwood; W. I. Graham, Mitchell.

## CLASS OF 1906

T. E. Blanchard, Pierre; H. G. Tilton, Vermillion; E. B. Bracy, Mitchell; Ralph L. Brown, Aberdeen; L. H. Clyborne, Mound City; H. S. Wilkinson, Mitchell; G. F. Hopkins, Brookings; N. A. Swickard, Canton; Hon. J. W. Parmley, Ipswich.

## CLASS OF 1907

D. Rifenbark, Watertown; S. E. Morris, Redfield; T. A. Duncan, Mitchell; Thomas Nicholson, Mitchell; D. C. Thomas, Watertown; G. F. Knappen, Sioux Falls; W. S. Shepherd, Watertown; C. E. Hager, Mitchell; Hon. E. W. Martin, Deadwood.

## CLASS OF 1908

Hon. J. A. Pickler, Faulkton; J. O. Dobson, Huron; H. S. Mouser, Huron; Nathan Noble, Centerville; T. H. Youngman, Huron; Hon. C. B. Kennedy, Canton; E. A. Hitchcock, Mitchell; I. W. Seaman, Mitchell; J. T. Morrow, Mitchell.

**Minutes**—Upon motion of the Secretary a special committee consisting of N. A. Swickard, R. B. Beavis and A. E. Carhart was appointed to devise ways and means to provide for the expense of publishing the Minutes.

**QUESTION SEVEN**—Was resumed. The name of A. M. Ward was called and he was continued on trial in the studies of the Third year.

The name of Robert E. Tarleton was called and he was represented by the Examiners, advanced to the studies of the Second Year and continued on trial.

Gordon L. Granger was called, represented by the Examiners, credited with the studies of the First and Second Years, and it was moved that he be admitted into Full Membership.

Parley H. Weston was continued on trial in the studies of the Second Year, and left without appointment to attend school.

**QUESTION ELEVEN**—"*What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*"—was taken up, and it was found there were no recommendations.

**Address**—Dr. J. F. Stout, representing the Board of Church Extension, addressed the Conference.

**Excused**—J. W. Taylor was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

**Admission**—The Class for admission was called forward. The Confer-

ence joined in singing Hymn 574, Dr. Thomas Nicholson led in prayer and after reading of the rules for a preacher's conduct by Dr. J. F. Stout, the Bishop addressed the class and asked the usual Disciplinary questions. Hall K. Wallis, Asa D. Thibadeau, Horace L. Hastings, Allen C. McLean, Riley J. Van Der Voort, Hudson W. Smith, Wm. Mason, Jas. Crowther and Gordon L. Granger were admitted into Full Membership.

**Special Session**—It was voted to hold a special session of the Conference Saturday afternoon for reception of reports.

**Adjournment**—Committees were called, announcements made and after singing the Doxology the Benediction was pronounced by J. F. Stout.

#### FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, October 15, 1904.

The Conference opened with devotional exercises led by D. E. Murray. At 9 o'clock Bishop Hamilton took the chair. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

**Minutes**—The Committee on Publishing the Minutes made the following report, which was adopted:

The Discipline provides that the Conference shall publish the minutes of its proceedings. In our opinion it is therefore the duty of each pastor to assist in the circulation of the minutes, and this end we judge can best be reached,

*First*—By taking a subscription for that purpose in open conference as in former years.

*Second*—By distributing to the non-subscribing pastors in the ratio of the number of minutes published to the membership upon their respective charges.

*Third*—That after thirty days from publication the publisher shall furnish to the Presiding Elders lists of the pastors upon their respective districts who have not yet paid for the minutes sent them, and that the Presiding Elders be held responsible for collecting from such delinquents.

N. A. SWICKARD,  
R. B. BEAVIS,  
A. E. CARHART.

**Evangelism**—On motion of G. F. Hopkins the Presiding Elders were requested to appoint two members of the Conference and two laymen from each district, who with the Presiding Elders, shall constitute a Forward Evangelistic Committee.

**Sunday Session**—It was voted that the Conference hold a session Sunday afternoon for memorial and ordination services.

**Special Collection**—A special collection was ordered to be taken in the Conference Love Feast for Mrs. F. T. Nicholls.

**QUESTION THIRTEEN**—Was resumed. The following Elders were called, passed in character and those in charge made their reports.

*Aberdeen District*—J. W. Taylor, F. J. Norton, W. D. Deeble, F. L.

Bromaghim, Frank Fox, C. O. Walker, J. E. Norvell, N. P. Johnson, E. E. Dean.

*Huron District*—O. A. Phillips, T. H. Youngman, J. T. Gurney, G. T. Notson, G. D. Brown, J. H. Vogt, C. L. Fillebrown.

*Mitchell District*—E. S. Chappell, Oliver Williams, E. E. Saxton, I. B. Sevy, John Kaye, H. S. Wilkinson, L. MacLean, A. P. Janes, S. J. Watson, A. W. Thurston, G. J. Corwin.

*Sioux Falls District*—A. Jamieson, N. A. Swickard, W. B. Stewart, W. E. Shugg, R. B. Beavis, W. F. Minty, A. E. Carhart, J. B. Dibble, W. A. Cave, W. O. Redfield, F. T. Krueger, W. H. Jordan, S. T. Weaver, G. W. Rosenberry, A. C. Shepherd.

*Watertown District*—G. F. Hopkins, W. L. Meinzer, W. C. Ehlers, S. A. Chappell, L. L. Lane, D. C. McLean, W. S. Shepherd, Jas. Harkness, T. Sanderson, Thomas Nicholson, W. I. Graham, C. B. Clark, Martin Thomas, John Hall.

T. H. Youngman was granted the Supernumerary Relation at his own request. Oliver Williams was granted the Superannuated relation, at his request.

**QUESTION ELEVEN**—“*What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*”—was taken up, and Sidney H. Shurtleff being duly recommended and represented by his Presiding Elder and the Examiners, was elected to Local Deacon's Orders.

**QUESTION TEN**—“*What Members Have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*”—was taken up. Pierce O. Bunt, Wm. P. Slocum, Orien E. Boyce, Frederick F. Case, Wm. A. Greene, Daniel S. Kerr, Geo. E. Webster passed in character, reported their work, were represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and elected to Elder's Orders. Hall K. Wallis and Asa D. Thibadeau, having completed the Conference Course of Study under the Seminary Rule, were elected to Elder's Orders.

Benj. W. McEldowny and Wm. O. Gram were passed in character and continued in the studies of the Fourth Year.

**QUESTION NINE**—“*What Members Are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?*”—was taken up. Orlow M. Hyde, Lyndon V. Slocumb, David E. Murray, Paul H. MacBeth were passed in character, reported their collections, represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders, and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

Perry S. Ingersoll, Richard H. Dempsey, Henry Preston, Charles E. Logsdon, Benj. F. Stiles, Otis W. Butterfield, Henry I. Farr, were passed in character and continued in the studies of the Third Year.

**QUESTION FIVE**—“*Who Have Been Continued on Trial?*”—was taken up. John H. Kearton, Walter S. Scott, Sidney H. Shurtleff, Jas. C. Bigelow, John Jones, were passed in character, and those in charge reported their collections, represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

Leroy R. Keckler was passed in character, credited with studies taken, and continued in the First Year.

**Transfer**—I. B. Holman was transferred from the North Nebraska Conference, credited with the studies of the First Year, and transferred to the Minnesota Conference.

**QUESTION FOUR**—“*Who Have Been Received on Trial?*”—was taken up.

Elmer O. Machemer, Arthur L. Cathers, Earnest Holgate, Norman McLeod, being duly recommended, were represented by the Examiners, their Presiding Elders and the Committee on Conference Relations, and were admitted on trial.

**Introductions**—Charles B. Clark, D. D., Superintendent of the Black Hills Mission; Wm. Love, D. D., of the Northern Minnesota Conference; Archibald Forder, a missionary to Jerusalem, were introduced.

**QUESTION TWENTY-TWO**—“*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*”—was taken up. Thos. Simmons, Frank C. MacDuffee, Wm. H. Cory, Walter B. Redburn, Alum E. Tanner, Myron E. Nickerson were passed in character and continued in the Supernumerary relation.

Perry S. Ingersoll was passed in character and continued in the same relation, and requested to locate in one year.

I. P. Potter was passed in character and made effective.

**QUESTION TWENTY-THREE**—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*”—was taken up. Lewis Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, T. H. Walker, S. F. Brown, Thos. Wilkinson, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall, H. M. Springer, W. O. Gram were passed in character and continued in their present relation.

**QUESTION FIFTEEN**—“*Who Have Died?*”—was called, and Francis T. Nicholls and Sanford Washburn were announced as having died during the year.

**Recognition**—Mrs. Anna Fawell, widow of the late Nathan Fawell, was recognized as a Conference Claimant, and her case referred to the Board of Stewards for consideration.

**QUESTION THIRTY**—“*Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?*”—was taken up. Watertown, Brookings and Vermillion were placed in nomination. After proper representations had been made, Watertown was selected.

**QUESTION TWENTY-FOUR**—“*Who are the Triars of Appeals?*”—was called, and A. Jamieson, L. MacLean, W. D. Deeble, G. T. Notson, W. S. Shepherd, W. F. Minty, O. A. Phillips were elected.

**Reports**—The reports of the following committees were received and adopted: Sunday School and Tracts and Auditing Treasurer's accounts.

**Afternoon Session**—Voted that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 4 o'clock.

**Disciplinary Questions**—Questions Three, Six, Twelve, Sixteen, Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteen, Twenty and Twenty-One were called and answers made to the same.

**Historical**—A special Committee consisting of A. Jamieson, O. A. Phillips and Wm. Underwood was appointed to collect historical data of the earlier days of our history.

**Dr. Charles J. Little**—The absence of Dr. C. J. Little was explained, on account of the serious illness of his wife. Thos. Nicholson was directed to send a message assuring Dr. Little of the sympathy and prayers of the Conference.

**Adjournment**—Committees were called, announcements made and after singing the Doxology the Benediction was pronounced by Dr. C. B. Clark.



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**FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.**

The Conference convened at 4 o'clock p. m. with Bishop Hamilton in the chair. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

**Legal Session**—On motion of T. H. Youngman the Conference convened in Legal Session for the purpose of transacting corporate business. The report of the Conference Board of Trustees was received and adopted. The following named were elected Trustees for the ensuing three years: J. B. Dibble, O. A. Phillips, E. S. Chappell, and the session adjourned.

**Transfers**—E. E. Smith was transferred by the Bishop from Central New York Conference, and J. E. McKinney to North Dakota Conference.

**Conference Relations**—Frank Fox and Benj. F. Stiles were granted the Supernumerary relation.

**Reports**—The following Committees made their reports, which were adopted: Temperance, American Bible Society, Epworth League, Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts, Permanent Conference Claimants' Fund, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Church Extension, Freedman's Aid and Southern Education, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Hospitals, Sabbath Observance, Visitors Dakota University, Church Literature and Board of Stewards.

**Anti-Saloon League**—A. E. Carhart, C. E. Hager, N. A. Swickard and G. T. Notson were elected to represent the Conference in the State Anti-Saloon League. A. E. Carhart and N. A. Swickard were elected delegates to the National Anti-Saloon League.

**Epworth League**—Voted that the Committee on Program of the next Conference arrange for an evening anniversary for the Epworth League.

**Conference Claimants**—The Conference voted to apportion \$2,500 for the Conference Claimants' fund.

**T. H. Youngman**—The following resolution was adopted: Believing that the interests of the American Bible Society in this State could be greatly enhanced by the services of Dr. T. H. Youngman as its agent, we most cordially recommend him to this society for such service.

**Special Committees**—A committee consisting of G. E. Webster, T. H. Youngman and J. P. Jenkins were elected to devise a feasible plan for a Conference Relief Association. The following committee was appointed to conduct a campaign of protest against the repeal of the Anti-Canteen Law: N. A. Swickard, A. E. Carhart and J. O. Dobson.

A. W. Thurston was appointed to solicit pledges for the establishment of a mission in Jerusalem under the auspices of our church.

**Nominations**—The nominations of the various board and committees, by the Presiding Elders, were elected.

**Adjournment**—It was voted to adjourn to Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock for a business session. The Doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by J. O. Dobson.

**FIFTH DAY.**

Monday, October 17, 1904.

The Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, A. M., with A. Jamieson in the chair, by appointment of the Bishop. Hymn 66 was sung, after which W. F. Minty led in prayer. The minutes were read and approved.

**Reports**—The report of the committee on State of the Church was read and adopted. The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer read their reports, which were received and adopted.

**Collections**—The missionary collection was reported at \$8,884 for the year.

The collection for Mrs. F. T. Nicholls was reported at \$52.76; the special collection for the Freedmans Aid and Southern Education Society was reported at \$43.25; the collection for A. Forder, \$20.00.

Pledges for special missionary collection for the purpose of establishing a mission at Jerusalem were taken to the amount of \$407.00.

A collection for the Janitor of the church was taken.

**Re-Affirmed**—The rules for examination of undergraduates were re-affirmed.

**Editing**—The Secretary was authorized to edit and condense all reports. The Presiding Elder's reports were limited to eight hundred words.

**Missionary Appropriations**—The missionary appropriations, submitted by the Presiding Elders, were approved.

**Moving**—Voted that pastors moving this year are permitted to remain on their former fields until after election.

**Presentation**—A well-filled purse was presented to Duane Rifenbark, retiring Presiding Elder of the Watertown district, by the Bishop on behalf of the Pastors of that District.

**Transfers**—The transfers of J. W. Lucas from the North Indiana Conference; J. Ogden Winner from Newark Conference; Joel A. Smith from Central Ohio Conference; John L. Seaton from Upper Iowa Conference; and W. H. Jordan to the Northern Minnesota Conference were announced.

**Dr. W. H. Jordan**—The following resolution referring to W. H. Jordan, D. D., was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, the Rev. W. H. Jordan, D. D., has been transferred from this Conference, to the Northern Minnesota Conference and

Whereas, He has for nineteen years been one of the most faithful members of the Dakota Annual Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that we record our high appreciation of our brother. He is an able preacher, an excellent administrator, a faithful pastor, a Christian Minister of unblemished character and of untarnished reputation, and a man greatly beloved by ministers and laymen alike throughout this Conference. We part from him with unfeigned regret; we shall follow him with deepest interest and earnest prayer, and should a kindly Providence ever return him to this Conference we will gladly welcome him again to our Conference.

Signed: Thomas Nicholson, A. Jamieson, Geo. F. Hopkins, J. P. Jenkins, Duane Rifenbark, C. E. Hager, J. O. Dobson, E. P. Hall, C. B. Clark.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and approved.

**Disciplinary Collections**—The amount of the Disciplinary Collections was reported at \$17,171.



**Appointments**—The Bishop appointed D. Rifenbark, J. S. Harkness, S. J. Watson, W. S. Shepherd, and C. L. Fillebrown on the Board of Examiners.

S. T. Weaver, by request of the Conference, was appointed Conference Evangelist.

W. A. Cave was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon, and O. A. Phillips alternate.

**Closing**—Voted after the reading of the Minutes and the appointments that the Conference stand adjourned, *sine die*.

**Adjournment**—The Minutes were read and approved, the Bishop addressed the Conference and offered prayer, and after the reading of the appointments the Doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

JOHN W. HAMILTON, Presiding Bishop.

G. T. NOTSON, Secretary.

*This Certifies that in Mitchell, S. Dak., October 16, 1904, I did ordain as Deacons James Growther, Gordon L. Granger, Wm. Mason, Allen G. McLean, Sidney H. Shurtleff, Hudson W. Smith and Riley J. Van Der Voort.*

*And that in the same place and on the same day, I, assisted by a number of Elders present, did ordain as Elders Orien E. Boyce, Pierce O. Bunt, Frederick F. Case, William A. Greene, Daniel S. Kerr, William P. Slocum, Asa D. Thibadeau, Hall K. Wallis and Geo. E. Webster.*

*Given under my hand this Sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1904.*

*John W. Hamilton.*

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Frederick T. Krueger, from Colorado Conference; Charles L. Fillebrown, from Central Ohio Conference; Wm. A. Wilkinson, from Northwest Iowa Conference; Frank B. Dunn from Des Moines Conference; I. B. Holman, from North Nebraska Conference; E. E. Smith, from Central New York Conference; J. W. Lucas, from North Indiana Conference; J. Ogden Winner, from Newark Conference; John L. Seaton, from Upper Iowa Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

L. T. Guild.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year—Arthur L. Cathers, Ernest Holgate, Elmer O. Machemer, Norman McLeod.

(b) In Studies of Third Year.—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year.—Leroy R. Keckler.

(b) In Studies of Second Year.—Robert E. Tarleton, Parley H. Weston, John H. Kearton, Walter S. Scott, Sidney H. Shurtleff, James C. Bigelow, John Jones.

(c) In Studies of Third Year.—Arthur M. Ward.

(d) In Studies of the Fourth Year.—None.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.—Gordon L. Granger, Allen C. McLean, Riley J. Van Der Voort, Hudson W. Smith, Wm. Mason, James Crowther.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons Previously.—Horace L. Hastings, Asa D. Thibadeau, Hall K. Wallis.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this Year.—Gordon L. Granger, Allen C. McLean, Horace L. Hastings, James Crowther, Riley J. Van Der Voort, Wm. Mason, Hudson W. Smith.

(b) Admitted Into Full Membership Previously.—Perry S. Ingersoll, Richard H. Dempsey, Henry Preston, Chas. E. Logsdon, Benj. F. Stiles, Otis W. Butterfield, Henry I. Farr.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Orlow M. Hyde, Lyndon V. Slocumb, David E. Murray, Paul H. MacBeth, Benj. W. McEldowney, Wm. O. Gram.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this Year.—Pierce O. Bunt, Orien E. Boyce, Frederick F. Case, Wm. A. Greene, Daniel S. Kerr, Wm. P. Slocum, Asa D. Thibadeau, Hall K. Wallis, Geo. E. Webster.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders Previously.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

- (a) As Local Preachers.—Sidney H. Shurtleff.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule.—None.
- 12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*
- (a) As Local Deacons.—None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule.—None.
- 13. *Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?*

This was strictly done in open Conference as the name of each Preacher was called.

- 14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Geo. S. Parker to Colorado Conference; L. T. Guild to Northern Minnesota Conference; I. B. Holman to Minnesota Conference; Henry F. Knight to Colorado Conference; John E. McKinney to North Dakota Conference; Wm. H. Jordan to Northern Minnesota Conference.

- 15. *Who have Died?*

Francis T. Nicholls, Sanford Washburn.

- 16. *Who have been Located at their own Request?*

None.

- 17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

- 18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

- 19. *Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

- 20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

- 21. *What other Personal Notation Should be Made?*

None.

- 22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Thomas Simmons, Frank C. MacDuffee, Wm. H. Cory, Walter B. Redburn, Alum E. Tanner, Myron E. Nickerson, Perry S. Ingersoll, Thos. H. Youngman, Frank Fox, Benj. F. Stiles.

- 23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Lewis Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, T. H. Walker, S. F. Brown, Thos. Wilkinson, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall, H. M. Springer, Wm. O. Gram, Oliver Williams.

- 24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

Archibald Jamieson, Lachlin MacLean, W. D. Deeble, G. T. Notson, W. S. Shepherd, W. F. Minty, O. A. Phillips.

- 25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

See Tabulated Tables.

- 26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections Ordered by the General Conference, as Reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$17,171.

- 27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$2,950.

- 28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and How has it Been Applied?*

\$2,232.40.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See List of Appointments.

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be Held?*

Watertown.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

6 E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder, Aberdeen, So. Dak.

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| 2 Aberdeen, J. W. Taylor.                 | 3 Frederick, A. M. Ward.               |
| Andover, to be supplied.                  | 1 Groton, L. L. Lane.                  |
| 1 Ashton, D. S. Kerr.                     | 1 Hecla, C. S. Royce (Sup)             |
| 1 Bath, J. H. Vogt.                       | Herreid and Mound City, to be supplied |
| 2 Bowdle, S. A. McCulloch (sup)           | 1 Langford, E. O. Machemer.            |
| 5 Britton, W. D. Deeble.                  | 1 Leola, N. S. Wilson (Sup)            |
| 1 Bristol and Butler, E. E. Smith.        | 2 Mellette, R. E. Tarleton.            |
| 1 Claremont, O. O. Walker.                | 2 Northville, J. E. Norvell.           |
| 2 Conde, L. W. Putman (Sup)               | 2 Selby and Bangor, N. P. Johanson.    |
| 3 Devoe, F. S. Bromaghin.                 | 3 Warner, E. E. Dean.                  |
| 1 Doland and Frankfort, L. L. Layne (Sup) |  |

John Hall, Missionary in Black Hills.

O. W. Butterfield left without appointment to attend school.

### HURON DISTRICT.

1 C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder, Huron, So. Dak.

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| 2 Alpena, P. O. Bunt.               | Lebanon, G. W. Austin, (Sup.)         |
| 1 Blunt and Onida, O. J. Gall (Sup) | 2 Miller, D. E. Murray.               |
| 2 Burdette, A. L. Cathers.          | 2 Okobojo, C. C. Boslaugh (Sup)       |
| Oavour, to be supplied.             | 4 Pierre, G. T. Notson.               |
| 3 DeSmet, Henry Preston.            | 3 Redfield, A. D. Thibadeau.          |
| 2 Faulkton, P. H. MacBeth.          | 3 Tulare, O. A. Phillips (Sup)        |
| Forest City, to be supplied.        | 1 Wessington, James T. Gurney.        |
| 1 Gettysburg, F. J. Norton.         | 1 Wessington Springs, to be supplied. |
| 3 Hitchcock, O. A. Phillips.        | 1 Willow Lakes, William Bartle (Sup)  |
| Highmore, to be supplied.           | 1 Winthrop, B. F. Stiles.             |
| 1 Huron, Duane Rifenbark.           | 2 Wolsey, C. H. Fillebrown.           |
| 1 Iroquois, W. E. Hartung (Sup)     |                                       |

C. B. Clark, Superintendent Black Hills Mission.

### MITCHELL DISTRICT.

1 J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder, Mitchell, S. Dak.

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| 2 Alexandria, E. S. Chappell.               | 1 Letcher, Walter S. Scott.            |
| 1 Artesian, J. O. Baker, (Sup.)             | 1 Lyman Co., I. P. Potter.             |
| 1 Armour, G. E. Webster.                    | 2 Mitchell, H. S. Wilkinson.           |
| Bridgewater, A. J. Oliver, (Sup.)           | 2 Mt. Vernon, Lachlin McLean.          |
| 2 Bard, J. A. McDonald, (Sup.)              | 3 Parkston and Ethan, James Crowther.  |
| 2 Canistota, I. B. Sevy.                    | 5 Plankinton, A. P. Janes.             |
| 1 Chamberlain, Ernest Holgate.              | 3 Platte, W. A. Greene.                |
| 1 Chandler and LaRoche, J. H. Olose, (Sup.) | 1 Salem, G. D. Brown.                  |
| 1 Delmont, L. A. MacDonald, (Sup.)          | 2 Scotland, A. W. Thurston.            |
| 1 Dudley Circuit, Wm. Mason.                | 1 Springfield, T. H. Hendricks, (Sup.) |
| 1 Fairfax, G. J. Corwin.                    | Rosebud Mission, to be supplied.       |
| 1 Fulton, J. H. Kearton.                    | 3 Tyndall, E. T. Underwood, (Sup.)     |
| 1 Geddes, Norman McLeod.                    | 1 Tripp, W. A. Wolcott, (Sup.)         |
| 3 Howard, John Kaye.                        | 1 White Lake, O. E. Logsdon.           |
| 1 Kimball, S. E. Boselly, (Sup.)            | 1 Woonsocket, Joel A. Smith.           |

F. F. Case, Missionary to Black Hills Mission.

Thos. Nicholson, President of Dakota Wesleyan University, Jno. L. Seaton, Professor in Dakota Wesleyan University; A. E. Carhart, Temperance agent and members on Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

**SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.**

**4 J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.**

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| 1 Alcester, L. V. Slocumb.               | 4 Hartford, W. O. Redfield.      |
| 5 Beresford, A. Jamieson.                | 1 Hudson, H. L. Hastings         |
| 1 Bloomingdale and Richland, H. J. Cal-  | 1 Hurley, W. P. Slocum.          |
| kins, (Sup.)                             | Irene, to be supplied.           |
| 2 Canton, N. A. Swickard.                | 1 Lennox, W. E. Shugg.           |
| 1 Centerville, W. A. Wilkinson.          | 1 Madison, F. T. Krueger.        |
| 1 Colman, R. J. Van DerVoort.            | Marion, to be supplied.          |
| 1 Colton, Geo. W. Prather, (Sup.)        | 1 Montrose, H. W. Smith.         |
| 1 Davis, J. W. Lucas.                    | 3 Parker, J. B. Dibble.          |
| 1 Dell Rapids, John Jones.               | Sioux Falls—                     |
| 1 Egan, W. F. Minty.                     | 1 First, J. O. Winner.           |
| 1 Elk Point, W. B. Stewart.              | 1 Jordan, R. B. Beavis.          |
| 2 Flandreau, W. A. Cave.                 | 2 Vermillion, A. C. Shepherd.    |
| 10 Flandreau Circuit, D. C. Arms. (Sup.) | 1 Wakonda, J. C. Bigelow.        |
| 1 Garretson, L. W. Scott, (Sup.)         | 1 Worthing, J. N. Oakley, (Sup.) |
| 1 Gayville, H. P. Eberhart, (Sup.)       | 3 Yankton, Geo. W. Rosenberry.   |
| 3 Harrisburg, S. H. Shurtleff.           | 1 Valley Springs L. R. Kechler.  |

H. I. Farr, Missionary to Arizona.

S. T. Weaver, Conference Evangelist.

G. L. Granger left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

**WATERTOWN DISTRICT.**

**1 W. I. GRAHAM, Presiding Elder, Watertown, So. Dak.**

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| Arlington, A. C. MacLean.            | 1 Henry, B. W. McEldowney.            |
| Armour and Elkton, to be supplied.   | 2 Kampeska, Wm. F. Wellington, (Sup.) |
| 1 Bruce, H. J. Kettlekamp, (Sup.)    | 1 Lake Preston, E. E. Simmons.        |
| 1 Big Stone, W. C. Ehlers.           | 2 Milbank, S. A. Chappell.            |
| 3 Bradley, Wm. Barrie (Sup.)         | 1 Sisseton, F. B. Dunn.               |
| 2 Brookings, Geo. F. Hopkins.        | 2 Summit, D. O. McLean.               |
| 1 Castlewood, S. M. Davis, (Sup.)    | Vienna, to be supplied.               |
| 3 Clark, W. L. Meinzer.              | 3 Watertown, W. S. Shepherd.          |
| 1 Clear Lake, J. T. Allen, (Sup.)    | 1 Waubay, P. G. Shepersky, (Sup.)     |
| 1 Corona and Wilmot, E. E. Saxton.   | 7 Webster, J. S. Harkness.            |
| 1 Garden City, L. W. Darling, (Sup.) | 3 White, Thos. Sanderson.             |
| 2 Gary, Hall K. Wallis.              | 1 White Rock, E. M. Isaac, (Sup.)     |
| 3 Hazel, O. M. Hyde.                 |                                       |

Orien E. Boyce left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

## REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

### ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

The Aberdeen District has within its bounds 22 pastoral charges, with 50 preaching places that have sabbath services. There are 33 churches, 43 Sunday schools and 19 parsonages. The property value of churches and parsonages is over \$78,000. Twenty-one heroic, consecrated men have been in charge of these churches the past year, and have labored with marked fidelity to promote the interests of God and his church.

As we come to review the work of the year, we find some things which we could wish were otherwise; but there are many things for which we are thankful. God has been very good; and while we cannot understand all of His Providences, yet we know in whom we have believed.

Only a few changes have taken place during the year. E. C. Grimshaw having proved unworthy, left Andover a month after conference, and Rev. G. W. Hickman, a Supernumerary of the Minnesota conference, supplied for a few weeks until a pastor could be secured. Rev. N. M. Shaw, of Vermont, filled out the conference year. At the request of the Presiding Elder of Watertown District Rev. B. W. McEldowney, of Bristol, was appointed to Henry in May, and Bristol has been supplied very acceptably since that time by Bro. E. E. Smith, a member of the Central New York conference. Herreid and Mound City have been supplied this year by C. E. Oder and N. P. Johnson. Cuthbert Bernard, a student from Evanston, served the Doland charge for three months while the pastor and family were visiting friends in England. Soon after conference Irving B. Holman was secured for the Butler charge. All the other charges have been served by the Pastors appointed at Conference.

Material improvements have been made in several places. A neat and substantial church has been erected at Butler at a cost of about \$1400 and with a donation of \$250 from the Church Extension Society will be clear of debt, except \$100. A new parsonage at Frederick will be ready for occupancy by the close of Conference, costing some \$1200. Minor improvements such as papering and painting have been made in nearly all the places on the District.

The long standing debt on the church at Leola has been provided for, also the debts on the churches at Columbia and Doland. The remnant of the debt on the parsonage at Claremont has been paid. Mellette has cleared up all their debt on the parsonage and Britton has paid about one half of their indebtedness so that only some \$200 remains to be paid.

During the year the old church at Ordway was sold and the Church Extension debt met. Ordway, once a flourishing town and an aspirant for the Capital, and now but four apologies for houses remain. What a warning!

Negotiations have been had looking to the sale of the church at Roscoe, once a town of 600 to 700 inhabitants, now possibly 75 souls, all told. When this sale shall have been completed all church debts on the District will have been paid. Aberdeen looks forward hopefully to a \$25,000 church in the near future, the present church being too small to hold the congregations. The benevolent apportionments will be met in nearly all the places, though the rusted wheat crop will have some effect on the collections and salaries.

Last year \$3.33 was given per member to the church benevolences from the Aberdeen District, we trust this year may be as large.

The Sunday Schools on the District seem to have increased in numbers and interest during the year. In many of the places the Epworth Leagues are very helpful to the Pastor in his work. Intense commercialism is not helpful to spiritual work, yet this year has been marked by a revival spirit.

In most of the charges where special meetings have been held the pastors have been their own evangelists.

Members of the Salvation Army rendered efficient work in meetings held at Frederick where forty-seven professed conversion and at Frankfort and Doland where over seventy were converted and forty-six joined the church on probation.

At Ashton, Bro. Stewart, the singer, aided the pastor and over eighty professed conversion, mostly adults. Special meetings were held in Aberdeen by the pastor, with good results to the church. Some sixty have united with the church during the year, from probation and by letter.

At Bath and Conde revivals were held by the pastors, resulting in ten accessions in each place.

In June a camp-meeting was held on the Leola circuit with good results. Nearly one hundred knelt at the altar in the large District tent the last Sunday.

Revivals were held by the pastors at Bristol, Butler, Bowdle, Claremont, Groton, Mellette, Northville and Warner, by which the churches were strengthened.

To have lived and labored with heroic men in a noble cause gives character and tone to any life. For five years we have labored with men, who have seized and held most tenaciously and lived most consistently, the one central essential life idea of Christianity, that is "That man is a child of God," And when men like these are willing to pour out their lives in the endeavor to convince thoughtless, sinful men that their Father is their Father, and in spite of difficulties and of Devils, that the way is wide open to the throne, it is the bravest thing a man can do. To do this patiently, and thoughtfully, is sublimely heroic.

These men could make their way successfully into all avenues of toil, either by trade or profession. But they are content to type and shape a civilization that shall people forever the city that hath foundations. It is with thanksgiving to God for his goodness and his love that we give this brief report of the year's work.

E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder.



### HURON DISTRICT.

The year on the Huron district has been one of hard work and faithful effort by devoted men of God. Most of the charges have enjoyed good prosperity, while a few of them have stood still. Sickness greatly hindered our beloved Dr. Youngman, nevertheless Huron enjoyed a good year, finances in full, benevolences large, church property improved and thirty-three hopeful probationers added to the roll.

Sickness and death invaded the home of Brother S. M. Davis and left him without a helpmate, but he bravely took up the work of life alone and closed out his pastorate at Cavour successfully, having provided for the debt on the church with enough more to paint the building. Brother Henry Preston had a fine year at DeSmet, adding to the membership and improving the property. Jas. T. Gurney did most excellent work at Iroquois and Esmond. A goodly number of young people were brought into the Church. The debt at Esmond was paid and new pews put into the church at Iroquois. Winthrop was served for half the year by E. O. Bierly. This is a very loyal and delightful circuit. O. A. Phillips had a great year at Hitchcock and Tulare, building two churches and one parsonage and paying in full for all.

A. D. Thibadeau had a splendid year at Redfield. The fine new church is his monument. It is a gem, and fully provided for. As usual Paul H. MacBeth had a good year at Faulkton, benevolences all in full with the old debt as good as liquidated and many accessions to the church. Lebanon enjoyed the faithful and energetic services of C. J. Gall and shows some advancement over former years. Gettysburg mourns the loss by sickness of Pastor Arnold but bravely pushed on to the end of the year. Forest City is greatly weakened by removals. Pierre enjoyed a good, strong year under G. T. Notson. Benevolences were greatly advanced and substantial additions were made to the membership.

Blunt and Onida kept the faith and made a little progress in some lines but retrograded in others. Blunt subscribed its old debt. Highmore distinguished itself by paying off its long-standing indebtedness to the Church Extension Society. Miller had an unusual year, adding many to its membership, improving its edifice and providing for the Church Extension debt at St. Lawrence. Wessington has enjoyed a prosperous and peaceable year under the able pastorate of A. C. McLean. The salary was advanced and the property improved with good interest in the Sunday school and the Sabbath services.

C. L. Fillebrown had a splendid pastorate at Wolsey and so impressed himself upon his people that a universal demand was made for his return. Burdette has bloomed out into a brand new \$1400 parsonage under the inspiring ministrations of A. L. Cathers. Alpena has enjoyed a blessed, spiritual year under the ministry of P. O. Bunt. Good work along all lines, benevolences in full, pastor's return unanimously desired. Wessington Springs had been blessed by a year of work among the children. Pastor Brown believes with the Presiding Elder that this is the most neglected of all fields in Methodism and yet the most fruitful of all. The gathering of so many children into the church has proven a great blessing not to the children alone



but also to the parents and the entire membership. Here lies the key to the Kingdom.

Every one of the old and long standing Church Extension debts on the district has been provided for by good subscriptions this year, thank God.

J. O. Dobson, Presiding Elder.

### MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Under the blessing of God, this sixth year of our work has been the best of all. Death has not entered our ranks, and severe illness has been a rare visitor in our homes. The parsonages at Canistota, Artesian, Fulton, Letcher and Tyndall have been made happy by the coming of a new member to the family circle. My own health has been uniformly good and I have not missed a single appointment from illness.

As this is the closing of our six years' term, a brief review of the work may be of interest to the Conference. On coming to the District, I found eighteen pastoral charges with sixteen pastors at work; now we have thirty charges to report for next year. We had twenty-two church buildings, all except three under debts more or less embarrassing. We report to this Conference thirty-seven with not a single embarrassing debt. We found eight parsonages all of which have been replaced by better buildings with two exceptions, and there have been added to the number twelve new ones, and nearly all these are thoroughly modern and no large debts rest upon them. Our ministers and people have become determined and confirmed enemies of debt. The membership of our church on the Mitchell District has been increased by about eight hundred.

As to pastors' salaries this is the showing from our minutes: \$9,488 in 1898; \$19,800 in 1904; an increase of \$10,302. We have reason to be pleased over our benevolent report. In 1898 we raised \$1,867, this year \$5,200; an increase of \$3,300. The fact is that two charges, Mitchell and Alexandria, raise quite in excess of the amount raised by the whole district in 1898. Our churches in 1898 were valued at \$48,300, this year \$92,900; an increase of \$44,600. Our parsonages \$7,400, this year \$31,475; an increase of \$24,075.

As to the present year, I am at a loss to know how to report what has been done for the advancement of Our Redeemer's Kingdom. Progress has been made, our field enlarged and our membership increased. Very fruitful revivals have been held at a number of points. The meetings at Mitchell, Mt. Vernon, Tripp, Riverside, Platte and Bridgewater resulted in large accessions to the church. Nearly one hundred professed conversion in the Mitchell meetings. Many of these were our brightest students. Almost every pastor held special meetings and in no case was the work barren of good results.

The finest of our country churches was dedicated in mid-winter at La-Roche on the Chandler charge. The cost, \$2,100. And an unusually attractive small church was completed at Fairfax, in Gregory County across the Big Muddy. Tyndall has the second best church on the district and River-

side on the Bard charge completes a fine building. This last is the greatest surprise of all. We are especially happy over our fine new parsonages this year. These buildings are among the largest and best on the district, and that is saying a good deal for we have very beautiful pastor's homes at several other points. These new buildings are located at Mitchell, \$4,000; Mt. Vernon, \$3,000; Artesian, \$2,000; Plankinton, \$2,000; Springfield, \$1,000. Paid on old debts, \$3600. The buildings and improvements amount in round numbers to \$10,500.

We are getting ready for a great ingathering. With fine homes for our pastors, and churches with fair sized auditoriums, there is nothing to divert us from the all important work of soul winning.

Let me speak of the field beyond the Missouri, Rosebud Agency and Lyman county. In company with two of my pastors, I made a flying trip out into that widely famed region. We spent some hours in Bonesteel, that town that has made for itself no enviable reputation; but it is not wholly bad and asks us to send a preacher to help make it better, and we shall accept the call. Fourteen miles to the north and west of this is Herrick, a new town on the reservation, a very marvel. When we arrived there, the town was only three weeks old, and had over 300 inhabitants. Fifty buildings were either completed or under way. We were surrounded by about half a hundred men immediately upon our arrival. They had learned that we were ministers. It would be impossible to describe their deep interest in our mission. When we told them that we were coming to help them all we could, and would send a preacher if they wanted one, and build a church in their midst, their response was the heartiest I ever witnessed. They stand ready to push this enterprise in the early spring. Brother Scott has secured lots in Burke, about 9 miles further west, and in Gregory, 20 miles to the northwest. These towns are located in the midst of beautiful and productive claims, most of which will be occupied in the early spring by actual residents. There is no larger opportunity for our church in the west than Rosebud Agency.

Lyman County is about 80 miles long and 40 miles in width. We have had one preacher to cover this vast region. There are seven preaching points established already, with fair congregations. Brother Hendricks, our pastor, has found the people ready to hear him, and in every instance they send an urgent request for preaching next year. They can pay but little for services but out of their poverty they are willing to divide with the preacher. I spent some time with them and can assure you that the case appealed to me. I said to them, we will not leave you without a shepherd.

In the presentation of the benevolent causes; our pastors have been faithful and conscientious, and I am confident the showing will be gratifying to the entire church. Had all succeeded as well as some, we could have shouted Hallelujahs that would reach the very throne. Brother James Crowther secured on his charge over \$4.00 per member for missions, and brought every other apportionment up to the full. The pastor at Mitchell secures \$500.00 for missions and \$500.00 for Dakota University and other apportionments all met. Others will report from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per member for missions and yet I cannot say definitely that we shall return \$1.00 per member for missions from the entire district.

Let me speak for a moment on pastors' salaries. In 1898 the average salary of our pastors was \$525, this year the salaries will average \$725, exclusive of missionary money. We cannot boast of our Sunday schools or Epworth Leagues on the Mitchell District. If we are failing anywhere, it is in these departments. Yet I am sure the reports will show a slight advance. I wonder if the pledges we take at the altars of the church that we will faithfully attend all the means of grace, include the Sabbath school? Some of our Epworth and Junior Leagues are doing grand work. Notably at Platte, Alexandria, Mitchell, Plankinton and Farwell. Too much cannot be said of the Ladies Aid and W. F. M. societies on the field. Brethern, we can never tell the story of these uncomplaining, quiet workers, who have made the success of these western fields possible. In every emergency of the church, these women have helped us. I am glad the president of the Ladies Aid, by virtue of her office, if a member of the church, becomes a member of the Quarterly Conference. I wonder if this honor should not be conferred on the President of the W. F. M. S. also? The class meeting on our district is not declining, but growing in interest and numbers.

With keen satisfaction, I present the case of our University to this Conference. All the conditions are ripe for growth. Enlarged faculty, now numbering seventeen members. Improved facilities resulting from the opening of Memorial Hall and the remodeling of our old building, and the delightful atmosphere permeating every department of the institution. I would like to speak of the various members of the faculty, men and women thoroughly equipped for their work, and consecrated to our young people's highest culture; but must content myself with a few sentences only: Of the President of our school, Dr. Thomas Nicholson, we have not been disappointed in him. We expected much, but he has measured far above our expectations. He has won the confidence of all classes, faculty, students, ministers, laymen. We have come to believe that he can do anything he undertakes and it is characteristic of him to undertake large things. We report a hopeful financial outlook and an increased attendance with more satisfactory and thorough work than in any previous year of the school's history. The enrollment for this term is 280.

Permit these closing words. I cannot form sentences that will adequately express my gratitude to the brethern for their uniform kindness toward me, their hearty co-operation in the plans of the district and the helpful and encouraging words spoken. God be praised for the privilege of close association with such a body of Christian brothers.

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder.

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### SIoux FALLS DISTRICT.

This has been a year of steady plodding, rather than of startling innovations and unprecedented achievements, on the Sioux Falls District. However some things have come to pass; some splendid revivals have occurred, material improvements have been made and general onward and upward progress is noted.

The year opened with the only church dedication on the district during the year—at Valley Springs, on the Garretson Circuit, which occurred October 25. The total indebtedness was cleared off in subscription which has since been paid, with perhaps, the exception of a small balance due this fall. The property is a little gem, by far the best in town.

I should, perhaps, first refer to the changes in the personnel of the district pastorate since the reading of the appointments last year. The supply appointed to Burbank resigned after the first Sabbath, and C. E. Carroll, then a junior in Morningside College, was immediately appointed and has made an enviable record. The 4th Quarterly Conference unanimously asked for his return and I regret very much that he has since chosen another field for next year. C. W. Murr, supply at Marion, asked to be relieved in April, and J. B. Dibble kindly supplied the work on Sunday afternoons until June, when R. A. Carhart student at Boston University, came to the field and has done most excellent work. An exchange was effected the latter part of August between Bros. G. S. Parker, of Madison, and F. T. Krueger, of Florence, Colo., based principally upon health considerations in both families. Bro. Krueger commenced his work among us on September 11, and thus soon had his hands up on the vital interests of the Madison church.

Since August 21, the Alcester work has been supplied gratuitously by the eager generosity of the neighboring brethren, a different one each Sabbath, so that all money paid in on salary might be applied to Sister Nicholls' support. This brings me to the saddest event of the year, the death of our dear brother and fellow-laborer, the Rev. Francis T. Nicholls. We all knew him and we all loved him. Faithful in service, exemplary in life, patient and resigned in suffering, victorious in death, his pure spirit was released from an emaciated and diseased body at 10:30 p. m., on Friday, August 12. The funeral occurred on Monday following. Presiding Elder Dobson, Bros. Jamieson, Carhart, Dibble, Keckler and Bartle were present to assist the Presiding Elder in the conduct of the obsequies, and to act as pall bearers. A widow and two small children are left to experience the loneliness and sorrow of this loss. They may be comforted in the full assurance that the prayers and sympathy of this entire body have been for them.

Two parsonages have been built this year. The one at Garretson is the metamorphosis of the old church building. Altogether inadequate for church purposes, it has become with additions and partitions and other changes, at a cost of \$475, a neat, cosy little cottage, with besides, an ample barn for the circuit rider's faithful ponies. Bro. R. J. VanDer Voort has built a fine new parsonage at Wakonda at a cost of \$1850.

Dell Rapids has enlarged its parsonage to double its original size, at a cost of \$1225, and Flandreau has also made a generous addition costing \$1100. A new barn has been added to the property at Colman. Our church at Yankton has made the greatest improvement that will be recorded this year. There is nothing left of the old property but the strong substantial brick walls. All things are new from the floor of the basement to the pinnacles of the towers that adorn either front corner. Steel ceilings and wainscoatings throughout, deep, commodious gallery across the front, increasing the seating capacity at least one-third, inclined floor, new opera chairs, cathedral glass windows,

league and class rooms, kitchen with modern conveniences, toilet room, indeed an up-to-date, well equipped church. These improvements have cost \$4200. \$3000 was subscribed by the members of the church alone, before the work began.

The next best improvement in church building is now in progress at Hartford, where over \$1200 is being expended, in doubling the seating capacity of the church improving the Sunday School facilities, also the heating plant, seating with opera chairs and rendering the building more adequate to the demands of a growing church, congregation and Sunday School. Minor improvements may be noted on church property at Elk Point, Richland, Irene, Parker, Marion, Dell Rapids. Flandreau, Riverview and Vermillion and on the parsonages at Montrose, Egan, Centerville, Parker, and Vermillion.

It is a pleasure to announce the utter annihilation of Church Extension debts by our societies at Parker, Flandreau and Davis. First Church, Sioux Falls, has provided for its debt by subscription in note form payable in five annual installments. The first payment has been made and forwarded to Philadelphia. A troublesome debt of \$368.20 against the parsonage at Hudson was raised only a week ago.

Excellent revival meetings were held in many charges, those bearing the largest visible fruits being Davis, Yankton, Canton, Beresford, Dell Rapids, First Church, Sioux Falls, Gayville, Harrisburg, Montrose, Parker, Hurley and Colman. Most of the brethren toiled hard and faithfully and their churches were greatly quickened, but some with few if any conversions. Camp meetings were held at Ben Clare, Harrisburg and on the Flandreau circuit with fair results at each point, and the third annual Sub-district camp meeting proved usually fruitful. There have been about 425 conversions reported on the district, from which 275 were received into the church. Revival meetings were held on an average of four weeks upon each charge or circuit.

There has been an increase of but 45 Northwestern Christian Advocates and 131 Epworth Heralds. The following charges will show advance in pastor's support this year: Cauton, Yankton. Parker. Beresford, Colman, Hartford, Lennox, Jordan church, Sioux Falls.

To three of our parsonages have come little ones during the year, and four of our pastors have won helpmeets to double their efficiency.

The Canton Epworth Assembly held its Fourth Annual convocation June 30-July 12, and it is pronounced by all to rank first among the list. Dr. Swickard, president of the Conference Epworth League prepared a fine program for the Convention days which was of practical value to all delegates.

The ministerial meetings of the year were well attended and very profitable. President Nicholson was present at both and inspired us all with his lectures and sermons. Dr. J. B. Trimble, Missionary Field Secretary, was present at the December meeting and stirred all who heard him. At the April meeting, which was the third annual association in union with the Mitchell District, we were favored with the presence of Prof. Solon C. Bronson, of Garrett Biblical Institute, whose class room lectures were a decided spiritual uplift.

The Epworth Leagues of the district, of which there are 35 chapters, are, with a few shining exceptions, a disappointment. Christian testimony is seldom heard and only the reading of some text of scripture or selection from the Epworth Herald, in response to the leader's call by number, engages the devotional hour. There is great need of stirring District or Sub-district rallies to stimulate and encourage our leaders. Of Junior Leagues we have 21. Some are thoroughly graded and doing first class work. Two Methodist Sunday Schools have been created during the year.

Bloomington and Richland, as a student appointment, has been worked admirably this year, and should be so continued.

Colton is enjoying a railroad boom while enduring something of a railroad fight. While we have selected a choice site for church and parsonage we have thought it best to wait until dust of grading and smoke of battle have cleared away before we begin our building enterprises. The work has so strengthened at Davis on the Lennox circuit, that a request has come for a division of the work and a resident pastor.

I feel sanguine that the benevolences will make a good showing. I gave special attention to the Educational collection in my early quarterly rounds, which will show a gratifying increase. Missions, I think, from the collections, will be at least equal to last year.

I am more and more impressed with the growing need of the practice of systematic scriptural financiering by our members.

This, with of course always, a great and gracious spiritual outpouring, is among the foremost needs of the Sioux Falls District.

I have preached 167 times and held 123 Quarterly Conferences in person — all save one for the year.

To the faithful and true ministers of the district who are so uniformly kind and tolerant, I would offer assurance of my hearty appreciation,

J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder.

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### WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

I can hardly realize that six eventful years have passed bringing me to the close of my work as Presiding Elder of the Watertown District. God has made it possible through the hearty co-operation of pastors and people, for this report to show some advance over the one made just previous to the beginning of my work.

Times have been good and the people generally prosperous throughout the district. Real estate values have greatly increased, cities and villages have been built up and much improved, the volume of business enlarged beyond expectation. For these reasons and others not named, the advance shown has been made possible.

Not being able to secure the necessary reports for the current year, I use statistics of last year, feeling certain that the incoming reports will show some advance.

The reports of 1898 show 2174 members and probationers. That of 1903,



2447. Increase of 273. This would be much greater had our numbers not been depleted by many removals to other parts of the country, comparatively few coming to take their places. A careful revising of Membership Records in many instances has reduced the number of members greatly. Salary report of 1898 shows \$13,470 apportioned 1904, \$19,035, increase \$5,564.

Missions, 1898, \$862; 1903, \$1,813; increase, \$951.

Total collections, 1898; \$1,789; 1903, \$5,358; increase, \$2,569.

Valuation of churches, 1898, \$64,550; 1903, \$85,800; increase, \$21,250.

Valuation of parsonages, 1898, \$9,400; 1903, \$26,620; increase, \$17,220.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has done very good work during these years. There seems to have been five auxiliaries in 1898. Now there are thirteen. In 1898 the amount reported was \$236, in 1903, \$534.

Number of Sunday School scholars, 1898, 2370; 1903, 3091; increase, 721. There does not seem to be much change in the number or work of the Epworth Leagues.

Briefly, the work of present year, has been up to the average of the past years, perhaps in advance in some respects.

*Spiritual Work:* Revival meetings were held at Bruce, Big Stone City, Lilly, Brookings, Clark, Clear Lake, Corona and Wilmot, Garden City, Hazel, Henry, Lake Preston, Hetland, Milbank, Sisseton and Peever, Watertown, Webster, White, Prairie Home and Willow Lakes.

Many of these meetings were seasons of great blessing to the church and resulted in the conversion of quite a large number of souls.

Prayer meetings are not as largely attended as they should be and in many instances the Class meeting is entirely ignored. Many times the importance of these meetings has been urged at Quarterly Conferences. May the time soon come when the people called Methodists shall appreciate their privileges and do their duty. Too many are spasmodic in their spiritual exercises. A Methodist troubled with these spasms is a sorry spectacle, indeed. Hell only is glad.

*Church Property:* A beautiful new church costing nearly \$20,000 is nearing completion at Brookings. This will be dedicated in November.

The Arlington church has been enlarged, new pews and furnace put in and the property much improved with paint and paper. The same class of improvements has been made at Henry as at Arlington. A fine basement has been put under the Big Stone building. This is a much needed enlargement for Sunday School and social occasions. Sheds for teams have been built. Our church at Lilly has been greatly improved by the use of paint and the putting down of new pulpit carpet. A country church has been dedicated at Lake Cochrane, an out-appointment from Gary. At Wilmot the church and parsonage have been improved.

At Corona a parsonage has been completed. Saturday evening, August 20, a terrific cyclone swept through Willow Lakes demolishing many buildings and causing great damage to nearly all that were left standing. Our church was blown from its foundation and thrown against the parsonage which was badly crushed. The church was in a condition that permitted it to be turned over and placed back on its foundation. The tornado insurance, \$1200.00, will repair the building and go far towards putting the parsonage in a habitable

condition. Pastor Isaac and family were uninjured, having taken refuge in the cellar.

*Benevolences:* Generally speaking, the benevolences have been well looked after and will, I am sure, show a commendable increase over last year. During the early winter, Dr. Julius Smith, of Burma, spent four days on the district and gave addresses on Missions at Clark, Hazel, Watertown, Garden City and Bradley. His presence was an inspiration.

In drawing this report to a close, I wish to thank all my brethren of the district for their uniform kindness, expressed in kind acts and words. To meet them from time to time has been an inspiration to me. The ties of friendship formed on earth, shall be strengthened in heaven. We say "Goodby" here, "but in that land of joy and song," we'll never say "Goodby."

I thank God that during my goings to and fro by rail and carriage covering a distance sufficient to put me twice around the globe, no accident has befallen me. And that, though six years older than at the beginning of the term, He, who is eternally young, has kept me young in spirit, and I go on my way rejoicing in the glow of perpetual youth.

D. RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder.

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#### REPORT OF DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The total enrollment for the college year 1903-4 was 345; the number of students enrolled up to date of Conference, 270; a handsome increase over previous years. The records of the past fifteen years shows that 2700 different students have enjoyed the privileges of Dakota University. The first alumni record was prepared and published this year. It shows a total of 53 graduates in the regular college course, 129 from the Normal department, 20 in music, 6 in art, a total of 208. The value of the grounds and buildings is \$185,000. Century Memorial Hall has been opened for students and will be entirely completed before January 1st. It is almost completely filled the first term, there being only four rooms unoccupied; extensive repairs and changes made in College Hall.

The faculty has been enlarged and strengthened, until it is one of the best in the State. The courses of study, also, have been greatly improved. There are now 24 full courses, running four hours a week throughout the year, which are offered to college students, and the preparatory courses have been correspondingly improved. The intellectual opportunities are now as strong as anything in the state.

The necessary expenses of students at Dakota University are very moderate, indeed much more so than those at similar schools in surrounding states. We are of the opinion that the Conference scarcely realizes the great task of keeping up this splendid institution on the meagre support it receives. Investigating the conditions of this Fall term, we find that in addition to the low rates charged in every department, as outlined in the catalogue, more than \$1600 has been given by the college to its constituency as follows: The total reduction made to 33 students who have paid their board



bills in advance, thus securing \$9 reduction for the year is \$297; to 86 who have paid tuition and incidentals for the year and thus secured \$5.50 reduction, there has been a rebate of \$475. To 22 persons who have paid room rent in advance, thus receiving 5 per cent. reduction, there has been \$39 rebate. In addition to this, 39 students, children of ministers or graduates of eighth grade schools, throughout the state, receive one-half rate tuition, the reductions amounting to \$498. 12 students have free scholarships granted to one graduate of each high school who applies under certain conditions. These make a total reduction of \$803. The institution is thus \$1613 short of what it would have, had it received from each student the low rates of tuition and other expenses stated in our catalogue. This would amount to the total receipts of the college from forty students throughout the year, so that we could have forty students less and still have the same amount of money, if each one paid even the meagre amount asked in the catalogue.

The necessary expenses of the coming year will be about \$20,000. A careful estimate of the income as subjoined shows that all these expenses will be met if Conference gives 50c per member to the general fund. We request (and these requests were unanimously approved by Conference) that the apportionment for the general fund be 50c for each full member, as reported in the Minutes of 1904; that we raise an average of \$2.00 per member on every charge as rapidly as possible to pay the indebtedness of Memorial Hall, incurred by the completion of the building, the installation of the heating and lighting plant, in furnishing and opening of this Hall. Also, that an effort be made to raise \$5000 among the Board of Trustees and \$5000 from interested parties outside of our Conference. The Executive Committee offers a scholarship, which will provide free tuition for one student for one year to every charge which, within this Conference, raises in cash or approved notes, or subscription, its full apportionment of \$2.00 per member for the building, etc., and 50c a member for the general fund; the candidate for the free scholarship to be designated by the quarterly Conference of each district, in conjunction with the pastor.

We further ask that the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving, 1904, be set apart as a special day of prayer and for the presentation of the interests of Dakota Wesleyan University. It is not necessary that any collection shall be asked for on that day but each pastor will make the prayer meeting of that week and the services of that Sabbath a time of prayer for the spiritual interests of the college, for its financial success and will endeavor to give information as to its value and its necessities. The November Bulletin will be a special number prepared for help in such a service.

The past winter witnessed a great revival, nearly 100 students were converted and there was a steady growth throughout the year. The first Sunday of the school year was characterized by a meeting of great power, conducted by Dr. W. F. Anderson, Secretary of the Board of Education, and President Nicholson. More than a dozen people responded to the invitation to begin the Christian life. Several of these have already come into a religious experience and two have united with the church on probation.

The following statement gives the items concerning The Memorial Hall fund up to date:

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Total notes and subscriptions received for Memorial Hall,	\$48,264 03
Actually paid in up to this date,	30,162 52
Unpaid notes and subscriptions at this time,	18,101 51
Amount raised during this conference year,	9,329 48

**AMOUNTS YET NEEDED TO COMPLETE WORK AND PAYMENTS.**

For contracts outstanding or yet to be made to complete all work on Memorial Hall and its equipment,	\$ 9,000 00
For payment of outstanding notes and bills	22,830 00
For interest, salaries of agents, incidental expenses and other necessary items connected with collecting and completing,	7,400 00
Total,	39,230 00
Less outstanding notes and subscriptions,	18,101 51
Remaining to be provided for,	21,128 49
Together with any shrinkage on subscriptions and any unforeseen expenses.	

In behalf of the Board of Trustees,

THOMAS NICHOLSON, President.

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**TRUSTEES OF DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.****CLASS OF 1905.**

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**CLASS OF 1906.**

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Nathan Noble,....	Centerville	J. T. Morrow, .....	Mitchell
T. H. Youngman,.....	Huron		

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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### EDUCATION.

The continued prosperity of our Universities, colleges and theological schools is a just cause for rejoicing. We note with pleasure the work being accomplished in Garrett, Drew and Boston, our theological institutes.

We heartily commend the religious interest that has been aroused in our own college, resulting during the past year in about one hundred professed conversions.

The college course has been strengthened, until now twenty-nine full four-hour courses are offered to students, which places our college department on a par with the best offered in our State.

We congratulate the church and the Trustees on securing the Rev. Thomas Nicholson, D. D., for President of Dakota Wesleyan University. His wise plans, efficient work and pure Christian character place him in the front rank of college Presidents and gives to this young state a great leader in Christian education.

We recommend the approval of the plan of apportionment, which calls for fifty cents per full member for the educational collection; also the plan embodied in the report of the Board of Trustees for raising money for the completion of Century Memorial Hall.

We recommend the adoption of the plan for enlarging the Board of Trustees from twenty-one to thirty-six, including the manner of their nomination, by a committee consisting of the first ten visitors named by the Conference, two members of the Board and the President.

We recommend the observance of the Sunday before Thanksgiving as College day, according to the plan suggested in the report of the Board of Trustees.

We nominate as visitors to Dakota Wesleyan University: G. D. Brown, W. A. Cave, W. L. Meinzer, P. H. MacBeth, W. D. Deeble.

Garrett Biblical Institute: G. T. Notson, N. A. Swickard.

We most heartily commend the excellent work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished by the Church through the Board of Education, and express our appreciation of the newly elected Secretary, Dr. W. F. Anderson. We note with satisfaction the report of special gifts to the Board of Education, and urge that Children's day be observed and a collection taken in every charge.

We call upon our preachers to re-double their activity in a united effort to send the young people of our church to our own institutions of learning.

We commend the Christian Student. Its wide circulation would immeasurably promote the interests of higher education.

N. A. SWICKARD, Chairman.

ORIEN E. BOYCE, Secretary.

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**REPORT OF CONFERENCE VISITORS TO DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.**

Dakota University, located in the enterprising City of Mitchell "beautiful for situation", should indeed be the pride and joy of Dakota Methodism. The ever increasing circle of commercial and industrial life, the excessive growth of the material resources of our country and the evident stress requiring that the best skill be brought to the tasks of the world's work, all re-emphasize the place and importance of the College; not only in educating the people that they may keep abreast of this growth, but also preparing them to fill a place and act a part in the nations progress. The material demands of this wonderful age have created vast steamship and railway systems, gigantic corporations and extensive business methods, so, the moral and intellectual demands are creating great Universities. One result is as natural and normal as the other, indeed, all are parts of one great demand.

We note with pleasure the increasing facilities of Dakota University under the efficient leadership of President Nicholson. The completion of Century Memorial Hall undoubtedly the finest dormitory in the Northwest, adds greatly to the resources of the University.

The pressing needs of the College are numerous, among them we briefly mention, a new Chapel, where religious exercises of the University may be conducted, including the public meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association. Enlarged and new courses of study requiring a larger faculty. We must aim for the best in South Dakota, anything less will be dangerous for the future interest of the University. The near future must witness the erection of a Hall of Science thoroughly equipped and furnished for that most radiant department of education. We earnestly recommend the endowment of a chair in English Bible. This is an imperative need. Increased library facilities, the founding of scholarships for needy and meritorious students, these are but few of the immediate needs of our University.

We commend the wisdom of sending forth a financial secretary,—

The exercises of Commencement week were of a high order of excellence and reflected great credit upon the entire faculty.

A. D. THIBADEAU, Chairman.

S. J. WATSON, Secretary.

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**EPWORTH LEAGUE.**

We congratulate the church on the triumph of past years in the field of Christian work among our young people. The Epworth League is drawing its life and spirit from the church, and brings back to it abounding, grateful enthusiasm and service and a testimony of loyalty and love for our Redeemer.

In order that still greater victories may be won and a higher and stronger type of Christian character and service may be known among our young people, we urge upon the chapters the following recommendation:

1. The summer season of 1905 should abound in District work in harmony with the general plans of the Epworth League, thereby leaving the year of 1906 open for the activities of the organization as wide as the Conference and State at the Canton Assembly.

2. We give our heartiest endorsement and highest praise to the work of the Epworth Assembly at Canton, and urge upon all our Chapters the importance of having large representations at the school of methods conducted by experienced workers in the various departments of Epworth League activities.

3. We believe the Epworth League chapters may be used with great success in all our evangelistic campaigns and recommend that the work of each local chapter be so planned as to give efficiency in spiritual work. That this may be realized we believe larger attention should be given to our devotional meetings to see that they are marked by spiritual life and power. The order of exercises should be less literary, though not less thoughtful, abounding in prayer and testimony.

4. We welcome the newly elected General Conference officers of our young people's society, the Rev. Dr. S. J. Herben, editor of the Epworth Herald; and the Rev. Dr. E. M. Randall, the General Secretary, and assure them of our hearty co-operation in all lines of our work.

5. We also urge the larger circulation of the Epworth Herald as the ideal periodical for Christian young people.

P. O. BUNT, Chairman.

S. T. WEAVER, Secretary.

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### AUDITING TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Your Committee on auditing Treasurer's accounts, having carefully examined the same, find them to be correct.

A. P. JANES, Chairman.

J. H. VOGT, Secretary.

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### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

We note with pleasure the increased circulation of the Holy Scriptures and the efficient work of the American Bible Society. There has been a sad neglect of this Society's interests in our Conference.

Therefore, we recommend that every pastor support this most important cause by taking the authorized collection for the same.

D. E. MURRAY, Chairman.

W. P. SLOCUM, Secretary.

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### STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We would call special attention to the unquestioned fact that the activities of the church is too much given up to temporal interests to the neglect of the spiritual. Note the emphasis put upon results of a material character in reports and statistics. Increase in church property, pastoral support and benevolences are too often made the measure of success. It is to be feared we make it our chief work to build perishable structures, rather than God's imperishable building. The crying need is not less of these things, but more of the spiritual. This effort in material things should be dominated by the spiritual until all enterprises and achievements become sacred. Yea, until the commonest duty, faithfully performed, shall be considered divine service. It is time for the middle wall of partition to be broken down between the sacred and secular. Let the coming year witness both pastors and people doing all things as unto the Lord.

W. I. GRAHAM, Chairman.

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### RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions would submit the following:

1. That we express our gratitude to our kind Heavenly Father for His bounteous blessings to all His people, and especially to us as a Conference.
2. That our thanks be expressed to the pastor and people of this church for their hospitable entertainment.
3. That we will remember gratefully the churches and pastors of the city for the welcome they have extended to us and the homes they have opened.
4. That we wish to express the gratitude of the Conference to the Secretary, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer and their assistants for their faithful services to the Conference.
5. That we have been pleased and profited by the presence of Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, Mrs. S. H. Knight, Dr. J. F. Stout, Dr. W. S. Lewis, and others who have presented the various interests of our Church to us for consideration.
6. That we desire to express our gratitude to our President, Bishop John W. Hamilton, D. D., LL. D., for his able presidency, his lecture and his addresses, for his helpfulness and inspiration, and we assure him of a hearty welcome at any time he may be returned to us.

A. D. THIBADEAU, Chairman.

H. K. WALLIS, Secretary.

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### AUDITING PRESIDING ELDER'S ACCOUNTS.

Your Committee on auditing the Presiding Elder's accounts have found the same correct.

L. V. SLOCUMB, Chairman.

D. E. MURRAY, Secretary.

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**WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

Realizing the great need of aggressive Christian work among the foreign population of our great cities, and also in our new possessions and frontier settlements, and that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has entered these needy fields and is accomplishing a great work for God and the Church therefore be it

Resolved, That we herewith express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of their work and pledge them our hearty co-operation wherever possible.

C. E. LOGSDON, Chairman.

A. C. McLEAN, Secretary.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dakota Conference held in Mitchell, South Dakota, October 15, 1904, the Rev. Geo. F. Hopkins was elected chairman and J. B. Dibble, secretary.

The Board wishes to report that from outstanding notes \$100.00 has been collected, which has been placed to the credit of the Permanent Conference Claimant's Fund.

Further, \$50.40 interest has been collected and turned over to the Conference Stewards. There is still due \$21.00 on the interest account.

G. F. HOPKINS, Chairman.

J. B. DIBBLE, Secretary.

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**HOSPITALS.**

There is no nobler or more Christlike phase of our religious activity than the work done by our hospitals. We rejoice in the good work of Asbury Hospital and in the splendid progress it is making, and urge all our pastors to give it their hearty support. Be it therefore

Resolved: That we will take a special collection for Asbury Hospital on the first Sunday in January, 1905, in all our churches for the completion of the new building.

A. C. McLEAN, Chairman.

W. L. MEINZER, Secretary.

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**WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

We note with gratification that the interest in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is still increasing.

We believe that if our pastors would take a greater interest in, and encourage this society, the missionary spirit inspired, would be a great help to the spiritual work of the local church, and increase the missionary collections for the parent board.

HENRY PRESTON, Chairman.

O. M. HYDE, Secretary.



**TEMPERANCE.**

1. We re-affirm our unalterable opposition to the liquor traffic, and pledge ourselves to a persistent, aggressive war upon intemperance and all attendant evils.

2. We endorse the efforts being made to secure a county option law, whereby we may be able to obtain prohibition in many parts of our state.

3. Realizing that all moral forces in the state, and especially the various branches of the church, should be federated together for the extinction of the liquor traffic, and that the Anti-Saloon League stands as the servant of the church with this end in view, we accord to the League our unqualified endorsement, and in harmony with this action we recommend the election of four of our members to represent our church upon the State Executive Committee. We also recommend the election of two delegates to represent us at the annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon League to be held November 16-18, at Columbus, Ohio.

G. T. NOTSON, Chairman.

A. E. CARHART, Secretary.

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**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**

Believing that the Christian Sabbath was instituted not only for religious observance, but also for the physical and moral well-being of all mankind, and inasmuch as there is a systematic attempt to secure the repeal of all Sunday legislation and much indifference on the part of some of our members, thereby lending their influence to the worldly and vicious, whose practices are a constant menace to this institution, therefore be it

Resolved; That we pledge ourselves to the hearty co-operation with those organizations committed to the protection of our present laws, and to secure, if possible, more effective legislation on this subject. That we urge every pastor to preach at least one sermon on this subject, in harmony with the Disciplinary provisions.

O. W. BUTTERFIELD, Chairman.

G. D. BROWN, Secretary.

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**CHURCH EXTENSION**

1. For thirty-three years the Board of Church Extension has been one of the most helpful agencies for the spread of God's kingdom in our church, by assisting in providing places of worship for thousands of congregations who otherwise would have been homeless. We therefore pledge our support to every phase of this work.

2. We would call attention of the Board of Church Extension to our church at White Rock, which is seriously embarrassed by debt for material purchased sometime since, and is in danger of being sold under a mechanic's lien. We would respectfully urge the Board to come to the relief of this Church at the very earliest moment possible.

W. D. DEEBLE, Chairman.

J. B. DIBBLE, Secretary.

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**CHURCH LITERATURE.**

That the value of our literature is being recognized by our people is seen in the increased business and profits of our Book Concern. But so much of the literature of other houses finds its way into our homes and Sunday schools that the need of keeping our own publications before the people is imperative. Our people need our own literature. Our Sunday school publications are unexcelled. The Northwestern Christian Advocate should be in every family. It keeps the people in touch with the purposes, spirit and progress of our Methodism, and no substitute for it can be found. Loyalty to our publications is the highest wisdom as the profits belong to the Church.

C. O. WALKER, Chairman.

W. F. MINTY, Secretary.

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**PERMANENT CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.**

In our judgement the only way to increase our present meagre fund is for the members of this Conference to pay a certain sum annually that may be fixed upon by vote of this Conference. We further recommend that this sum be one per cent. of the pastors' salaries exclusive of house rent and missionary money, the same to be independent of the regular annual collection for Conference claimants.

G. F. HOPKINS, Chairman.

A. W. THURSTON, Secretary.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.**

We note with pleasure the continued improvement in our Sunday School periodicals and lesson helps, which we commend to all our Sunday Schools as the best obtainable.

We recommend that collections be taken in each congregation, for the Sunday School Union, and Tract Society.

We also recommend that greater attention be given to Sunday School work throughout our Conference and especially in the rural districts.

We desire to call special attention to the value of the Home Department. It has become an inspiration, a blessing, and a benediction to thousands.

The Tract Society of our church is circulating literature throughout the entire world. Every year it gives away 11,000,000 pages of tracts in the United States alone, besides sending \$12,000 annually to our foreign missions for aid in publication and circulation of religious literature.

We recommend that the pastors of our Conference avail themselves more generally of the liberal offer of the Tract Society, which provides that every preacher who will make application can receive from the Society free, in the form of tracts, one-half of the last collection of his charge for the Tract Society.

E. E. DEAN, Chairman.

GORDON L. GRANGER, Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Your committee find at their disposal the sum of \$2232.40, derived from the following sources:

Collections.....	\$1524 00
Book Concern.....	636 00
Chartered Fund.....	22 00
Interest .....	50 40

Total..... \$2232 40

The requests for relief have not been definite in every case, but we judge that if an ample sum to meet the reasonable requests of all the claimants upon this fund were at hand, it would exceed \$3000.

We recommend that the money on hand be distributed as follows:

Mrs. Hoadley.....	\$ 75 00
W. O. Gram.....	50 00
S. F. Brown.....	150 00
Wm. Underwood.....	175 00
H. M. Springer.....	100 00
J. G. Hall.....	275 00
Mrs. Burdick.....	100 00
Mrs. Curl.....	125 00
T. H. Walker .....	225 00
L. Hartsough.....	275 00
T. Wilkinson.....	57 40
Mrs. Coon.....	100 00
Mrs. Washburn.....	75 00
D. W. Chamberlain.....	75 00
O. Williams .....	125 00
Mrs. Nicholls.....	125 00
Mrs. Cooper.....	75 00
Mrs. Fawell.....	50 00

Total..... \$2232 40

O. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

A. E. CARHART, Secretary.

### CENTURY MEMORIAL HALL FUND.

The following is a statement of the amounts subscribed and paid by each charge of the several districts:

#### ABERDEEN DISTRICT

Charges	Subscribed	Paid	Charges	Subscribed	Paid
Aberdeen .....	\$ 655.00	\$ 537.00	Groton .....	235.00	210.00
Andover.....	97.00	47.00	Hecla .....		
Ashton .....	49.00	48.20	Langford.....	126.00	2.00
Bath and Columbia.....	278.95	202.45	Leola.....	465.00	130.00
Bowdle.....	563.70	179.70	Mellette.....		
Britton.....	151.00	120.80	Mound City.....	626.30	336.80
Claremont.....	66.00	66.00	Northville .....	887.94	589.69
Conde .....	67.00	61.00	Selby .....	93.50	88.50
DeVoe.....	417.00	392.00	Warner.....	204.00	94.00
Doland .....	87.00	77.00			
Frederick .....	29.89	29.89			
				\$5096.23	\$3211.53

## HURON DISTRICT

Charges	Subscribed	Paid	Charges	Subscribed	Paid
Alpena .....	\$ 758.50	\$ 376.00	Lebanon .....	10.50	10.50
Blunt .....			Miller .....	457.00	76.00
Burdette .....	105.41	100.41	Okobojo .....	5.00	5.00
Cavour .....	51.00	36.00	Onida .....	11.00	11.00
DeSmet .....	194.49	132.99	Pierre .....	215.00	196.00
Forest City .....			Redfield .....	855.00	305.00
Faulton .....	140.00	110.00	Wessington Springs .....	1003.91	403.91
Gettysburg .....	21.30	11.30	Wolsey .....	322.55	122.55
Hghmore .....	218.00	67.50	Wessington .....	300.00	120.00
Huron .....	631.00	490.80	Winthrop .....		
Hitchcock .....	304.00	119.00			
Iroquois .....	104.00	56.00			
				\$5707.66	\$2749.96

## MITCHELL DISTRICT

Charges	Subscribed	Paid	Charges	Subscribed	Paid
Armour .....	\$ 444.00	\$110.00	Mt. Vernon .....	200.75	139.75
Alexandria .....	659.80	199.80	Plankinton .....	362.72	193.22
Artesian .....	531.00	222.00	Parkston .....	111.00	76.00
Bard .....	57.86	53.46	Platte .....	391.00	166.00
Bridgewater .....	64.90	4.90	Springfield .....	265.00	112.50
Chamberlain .....			Salem .....	378.50	295.50
Canistota .....	181.50	26.50	Scotland .....	788.50	259.50
Chandler .....	72.00	72.00	Tyndall .....	383.00	165.00
Ethan .....	58.50	52.50	Tripp and Delmont .....	351.00	231.00
Fulton .....	35.65	29.45	Woonsocket .....	115.00	80.97
Geddes .....	1.00	1.00	White Lake .....	406.50	236.00
Howard .....	360.84	342.00			
Kimball .....	235.00	127.00			
Letcher .....	10.00	10.00		\$6645.15	\$3106.05

## SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

Charges	Subscribed	Paid	Charges	Subscribed	Paid
Alcester .....	\$573.95	\$152.95	Hudson .....	12.00	7.00
Beresford .....	72.00	37.00	Lennox and Davis .....	99.50	71.08
Ben Clare .....	41.00	41.00	Lodi .....	.25	.25
Centerville .....	631.00	421.00	Madison .....	310.00	310.00
Colman .....	315.93	200.93	Marion .....	10.00	10.00
Canton .....	610.50	435.50	Montrose .....	35.00	25.00
Dell Rapids .....	69.50	46.80	Parker .....	368.50	243.50
Egan .....	1.00	1.00	Sioux Falls .....	726.00	390.50
Elk Point .....	141.00	31.00	Vermillion .....	756.86	239.96
Flandreau .....	306.85	157.60	Worthing .....	40.00	13.00
Garretson .....	245.00	155.00	Wakonda .....	72.00	12.00
Gayville .....	391.00	51.00	Yankton .....	77.50	27.50
Hurley .....	144.00	134.00			
Hartford .....	413.40	244.35			
Harrisburg .....	1.00	1.00		\$6454.02	\$3459.92

## WATERTOWN DISTRICT

Charges	Subscribed	Paid	Charges	Subscribed	Paid
Arlington .....	\$ 251.74	\$131.74	Lake Preston .....	324.95	24.95
Aurora .....	15.60	15.60	Milbank .....	410.95	383.95
Big Stone .....	367.00	342.00	Sisseton .....	419.25	189.95
Bradley .....	318.00	210.00	Summit .....	100.00	
Bristol .....	495.00	443.60	Watertown .....	708.98	508.98
Brookings .....	135.25	118.75	Waubay .....	55.40	15.40
Castlewood .....	336.23	169.23	Webster .....	422.75	420.75
Clark .....	504.77	14.77	White .....	94.00	94.00
Clear Lake .....	20.00	10.00	Willow Lakes .....	5.00	
Garden City .....	5.00	5.00	Wilmot and Corona .....	401.10	68.10
Gary .....	308.00	38.00	White Rock .....	86.70	86.70
Hazel .....	515.17	170.17			
Henry .....	339.31	319.31			
Kampeska .....	5.00	5.00		\$ 6645.15	\$3785.25

This shows a large balance of unpaid subscription. Much of this amount, however, is not due, but the amounts due should be paid promptly. Remit all payments to Thomas Nicholson, Mitchell, S. D.

W. I. GRAHAM, Treasurer.

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**CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.**

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 3 p. m.—Conference Missionary Sermon, Rev. A. B. Thibadeau.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 8 p. m.—Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society Anniversary, Rev. E. S. Chappell, Chairman. Address, Prof. R. S. Lov-  
inggood, President Samuel Houston College, Austin, Texas.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 3 p. m.—Temperance Anniversary, Rev. J. B. Dibble, Chair-  
man. Addresses, Rev. W. W. Havens, Superintendent State Anti-Saloon  
League, and Dr. William Fielder, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 8 p. m.—Lecture, "Mexico," by Bishop J. W. Hamilton.

Friday, Oct. 14, 8 p. m.—Anniversary Board of Church Extension, Rev. S. J.  
Watson, Chairman. Address, Rev. J. Frank Stout, D. D., of St. Paul,  
Minn.

Saturday, Oct. 15, 3 p. m.—Anniversary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,  
Mrs. C. E. Hager, Chairman. Addresses, Bishop John W. Hamilton, and  
Archibald Forder.

Saturday, Oct. 15, 8 p. m.—Educational Anniversary, Dr. Thomas Nicholson,  
Chairman. Address, Rev. Wilson S. Lewis, D. D., president Morningside  
College, Sioux City, Iowa.

Sunday, Oct. 16, 9:30 a. m.—Conference Love Feast, led by Rev. Archibald  
Jamieson.

Sunday, Oct. 16, 10:30 a. m.—Conference Sermon, Bishop John W. Hamilton,  
D. D., LL. D.

Sunday, Oct. 16, 3 p. m.—Memorial Services, Rev. A. Jamieson, Chairman.  
Memoir of Mrs. Emma A. Davis, read by Rev. J. O. Dobson; Memoir of  
Rev. Sanford Washburn, read by Rev. E. E. Saxton, remarks by Rev. C.  
E. Hager; Memoir of Rev. Francis T. Nicholls, read by Rev. J. B. Dibble,  
remarks by Rev. J. P. Jenkins.

Sunday, Oct. 16, 4 p. m.—Ordination of Deacons and Elders by Bishop Ham-  
ilton.

Sunday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p. m.—Evangelistic Services. Sermon, Rev. W. S. Lewis,  
D. D.

The Pulpits of the Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Ger-  
man Evangelical Churches were occupied morning and evening by Members  
of the Conference.

## **PLANS AND RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS IN THE CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY ADOPTED BY DAKOTA CONFERENCE.**

### **1—BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

The board of examiners of the Dakota Conference shall consist of twelve members, who shall be nominated by the cabinet, and appointed by the presiding bishop.

The board shall be divided into four classes, of three members each, whose terms of service shall, at the first appointment, be for one, two, three and four years respectively, and thereafter for four years successively; each examiner being eligible for successive re-appointment.

Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the chairman of the board, until the ensuing Annual Conference, when appointments shall be made as for full terms.

All appointments of examiners are to be made, if possible, as early as the third day of each Annual Conference session.

### **2—OFFICERS**

The board shall organize by electing from its members, annually, at its first regular meeting, a chairman, a vice chairman, and a secretary, who shall perform the usual duties of these officers.

The work of the secretary shall also include the keeping of a permanent book record of the standing and credits of all candidates subject to examination by the board; and he shall report the same to the Conference when required. This record shall also contain the credits allowed candidates for work done in our literary and theological schools.

### **3—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The officers of the board shall constitute an executive committee, which shall have authority, under direction of the board, to select the place and fix the date of the mid-year meeting, arrange the literary and religious program in connection with the same, and attend to all general matters of business in the intervals between board meetings.

### **4—REGULAR MEETINGS**

The board of examiners shall hold three regular meetings each year as follows:

1. At the seat of the Annual Conference, before the close of the annual session if possible, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the election of officers and the assignment of work for the year. At this meeting the various

examinations and other work in connection therewith should be assigned definitely to the several members of the board; a schedule of the studies and subjects in the courses, with the names of examiners, and the times of examination, should be prepared for publication in the Conference Minutes, or otherwise, and general plans outlined for the mid-year meeting of the board.

2. A mid-year meeting to be held in the month of May of each year, the session not to continue longer than four days, usually from Tuesday to Friday inclusive; the first two days being devoted mainly to special reviews, the last two mainly to examinations.

All undergraduates, and, as far as possible, all candidates for admission to the Conference, and all local preachers who are candidates for orders, are required to attend this mid-year meeting, unless excused from attendance, for adequate cause, by the chairman of the board.

At this meeting examinations shall be conducted on at least one-half of the books or subjects on which examinations are to be conducted during the year.

It is expected that special lectures and other literary and religious exercises shall be provided in connection with the regular work of the session, for the enjoyment and profit of all in attendance.

In place of the mid-year meeting, the board may, at its option, provide for mid-year examinations at district meetings.

3. The board of examiners shall also convene at the seat of the Annual Conference, each year, the day before the Conference session begins, to review and complete the work of the year, and especially to conclude the examination of all candidates in the courses of study related to the work of that year. All examinations must be completed by the evening of the first day of the Conference session.

### 5—SYSTEMATIC STUDY

It shall be one duty of the board to secure more systematic work among the undergraduates in the four year's course of study—a duty not less important than to provide for more careful examinations. Therefore as far as practicable, the examiners shall give to the undergraduates and others, suggestions and instructions with reference to proper and profitable study of the books and subjects in all the required courses.

### 6.—QUESTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS

As a rule, all examinations shall be in writing.

All candidates in the same class, who are examined at the same time, shall be tested by the same questions.

A list of not fewer than ten questions shall be prepared on each book or subject assigned for examination.

In the case of all candidates for "admission on trial," the board is instructed to examine first in the "Elementary English Branches." and if the candidate fails to pass in these with reasonable credit, other examinations shall be postponed; and he shall be required to bring up these studies before he is admitted to examination in others.

In case of the unavoidable absence from the meetings of the Board of any



Examiner, he shall forward his list of questions to the Chairman, who will arrange for supervision of the examinations.

#### 7—SYLLABI AND OTHER PAPERS.

All essays and sermons shall be graded, and the grading recorded, as in the case of books and subjects to be studied.

All written work for the year, except such final examinations on textbooks and subjects, as are reserved for the third meeting of the Board, shall be forwarded to the appropriate Examiners at least one month before the date of the Annual Conference.

#### 8—GRADES AND GRADING.

All grades shall be made on a scale of 100; and the minimum grade, upon which a candidate in the regular Conference course, or for admission on trial, may be passed, is seventy per cent. on each study or subject.

Candidates for local Deacons' or Elders' orders must reach the grade of at least sixty per cent.

Each Examiner shall forward to the Secretary, as soon as practicable after the completion of the examination, the papers, certificates and grades of each candidate; and the Secretary shall file the papers, and make a permanent record of all grades and credits. On receipt of these certificates of grades and credits from the Examiner, the Secretary shall also promptly notify the candidates in writing of the result of their examinations, which notification shall be to the candidates an official certificate of their work.

In case any candidate fails to pass in any study or examination, the Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Board, as well as the candidate.

#### 9—APPEALS.

In case any candidate appeals from the grade markings of any Examiner, the Board of Examiners shall investigate the matter, and make the final decision thereon.

All examination papers for the preceding year shall be destroyed at the close of each session of the Annual Conference; and no appeal shall be entertained thereafter.

#### 10—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

No candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or three books to be read; or in one to be studied and two to be read; or who is delinquent and equivalent among in other required work; and no candidate shall be entitled to examination in advance studies until he has brought up the work on which he is delinquent.

#### 11—FEES.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Board, an annual fee of one dollar shall be required of each candidate for examination.

The under-graduates of the Conference shall forward this fee to the Secretary of the Board, annually, within sixty days of the adjournment of Con-

ference. On receipt of the money, the Secretary shall send the candidate a certificate which shall entitle him to all the privileges and examinations of the Board for the year.

Candidates for admission on trial, or for local orders, must also forward this fee of one dollar before they can be considered eligible for examination. At the third meeting of the Board a committee shall be appointed to audit the financial accounts of the Secretary.

#### 12—FOR ADMISSION OR ORDERS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to report to the Secretary of the Board as early in the year as possible the names of all candidates for orders. These will be expected to take their examinations at the regular meeting of the Board, and should be put in correspondence with the Secretary so as to learn the requirements which apply to them.

#### 13—PUBLICATION.

A copy of this plan, together with the detailed schedule of studies and assignments to Examiners, shall be printed from year to year in the Conference Minutes, and if thought necessary, the Board may also publish the same in pamphlet form.

#### 14—AMENDMENTS.

The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods herein presented; but before they became a valid part of the plan, or are used or published by the Board, all proposed changes must be accepted by a vote of the Conference.

GEO. F. HOPKINS, Chairman.

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### ADDENDA.

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#### 1—SCHEDULE OF CLASSES.

The Chairman shall arrange schedule of classes, and the hours for the meeting of each, to be strictly adhered to, at the Annual Conference examination.

#### 2—SEPARATE BUILDING.

The Board requests that a room, separate from the church in which the Conference is held, be provided each year, in which to hold examinations.

#### 3—GRADES FROM CONFERENCES.

Acceptance of grades from other Conferences shall, in every instance, be optional with the Board. A low grade, as a rule, will not be recognized.

#### 4—SPECIAL ADVICE.

1. Examiners are expected as far as desirable to assist students in their work. Students should report progress and pursue studies under general directions of Examiners. No student will be permitted to take any examinations in advance of the year until all the work of the year has been completed.

2. At least one-half of the studies are required at the mid-year examination.

3. \*Examinations will be given only at the times provided in the rules of the Board, except in cases of emergency at the discretion of the Chairman.

4. Examiners and students should read in Discipline, Appendix 56-60, also in Conference Minutes, "Plans and Rules for Examinations."

5. Requirements for syllabi should be presented to students as early as February 1st of each year.

6. The Registrar should receive reports from examiners of all studies presented, grading on a scale of 100 all papers on such studies. All syllabi, sermons, and essays that are accepted shall be graded a, b, or c, which shall represent the following values: a, 100 to 90; b, 90 to 80; c, 80 to 70.

7. Each student should remit an examination fee of one dollar to the Registrar before the time of mid-year examinations.

In order to secure a more systematic and efficient supervision of the Conference Courses of Study, and examinations thereon, the plans and methods given above shall be followed, subject to revision and amendment. By order of the Conference.

\*Books to be read to be reported one month before Conference.

## SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND EXAMINERS

Examiner	For Admission	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Local Orders
W. S. Shepherd...	Discipline.....	American History.....	.....	Hermeneutics .....	.....	In Charge of Chairman
Wilkinson.....	Sermon.....	Miley.....	Miley .....	Land of Israel.....	.....	
Taylor.....	Christ, Perfection.....	Harmon .....	Harmon .....	Psychology.....	.....	
A. C. Shepherd.....	Rhetoric.....	.....	.....	Books to be Read..	.....	
Harkness.....	Doctrine.....	.....	Essay .....	Christian Belief.....	.....	
Watson.....	Books to be Read.....	.....	History of England.....	Ethics.....	.....	
Swickard.....	.....	.....	Logic .....	Sermon.....	Christian Church .....	
Fillebrown.....	English Branches.....	.....	.....	Christian Church.....	Butler's Analogy .....	
Dibble.....	Life of Wesley.....	Sermon.....	.....	Universal History .....	Universal History.....	
Rifenbark.....	Outlines of History.....	.....	.....	.....	Essay .....	
Deeble.....	Bible History .....	Homiletics .....	.....	.....	Books to be Read.....	
Youngman.....	.....	Books to be Read.....	.....	.....	.....	
Hopkins.....	.....	.....	Books to be Read.....	.....	.....	

At least half of work required at the third year examinations.

Report on books to be read to be forwarded at least one month before conference.

## LIST OF UNDERGRADUATES

IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR	IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR	IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR	IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR
Arthur L. Cathers.....Burdette	James C. Bigelow... ..Wakonda	Otis W. Butterfield, Evanston, Ill.	William O. Gram.....Bath
Ernst Holgate... ..Chamberlain	John Jones.....Dell Rapids	James Crowther.....Mitchell	Orlow M. Hyde. ....Hazel
Elmer O. Machemer....Langford	John H. Kearton.....Fulton	Richard H. Dempsey...Highmore	David E. Murray.....Miller
Norman McLeod.....Geddes	Walter S. Scott.....Letcher	Henry I. Fair.....Tempe, Ariz.	Paul H. McBeth.....Faulkton
Leroy R. Keckler...Valley Springs	Sidney H. Shurtleff....Harrisburg	Gordon L. Granger, Evanston, Ill.	Benj. W. McEldowney...Henry
	Robert E. Tarleton... ..Mellette	Horace L. Hastings.....Hudson	
	P. H. Weston, Mt. Vernon, Iowa	Perry S. Ingersoll.....Selby	
		Charles E. Logsdon, White Lake	
		William Mason.....Dudley	
		Allen C. McLean.....Arlington	
		Henry Preston .. ..DeSmet	
		Hudson W. Smith.....Montrose	
		Benj. F. Stiles.....Winthrop	
		Riley J. Van De Voort...Colman	

## MEMOIRS

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### REV. F. T. NICHOLLS

Rev. F. T. Nicholls was born at Gunnis Lake, Cornwall, England, July 16, 1858. He received a common school education, was converted at the early age of 16 and commenced to preach at 19. He served in England as a local preacher for nine years, coming to America in 1886, living in Michigan for a short time. In the fall of 1887 he joined the Dakota Conference on trial and was stationed at Twin Brooks, where he had done some work as a supply and where he remained until the following Conference when he removed to Frederick. In 1889 Brother Nicholls was ordained deacon, and left without an appointment to attend Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill. While in Garrett he served Oak Glenn and Northfield, Ill., after which he returned to S. Dakota and served the following charges: Gayville, one year; Elk Point, two years; Yankton, one year; Parker, four years. During the last year of his pastorate at Parker his health failed, and he was compelled to rest from his work, spending a year with his family in England, returning to this beloved Conference last fall, and being appointed to the Alcester church.

Brother Nicholls battled with poor health for several years but was brave and loyal to every detail of duty, and was happy in his work. In April an attack of pleurisy laid him by for several weeks but he rallied and bravely took up his pulpit work again, but with much suffering. In July he was again attacked, this time with fever, while he was trying to recuperate at the Canton Assembly. It was manifest then to his physician that his lungs were seriously affected. Soon afterward he went to Wesley Hospital, Chicago, trying to find relief, but was given no encouragement and was advised to return to his home, and ten days after reaching Alcester, his pure spirit was released from its failing tenement and went to be with the Redeemer and the redeemed on high.

Bro. Nicholls was one of the choicest men of his Conference, beloved and highly respected by his brethren and by his people on every charge which he served.

At his funeral, splendid tributes were paid him by Rev. J. O. Dobson, his former presiding elder, by Rev. Mr. Spittell, pastor of the Congregational church of Alcester, Rev. J. B. Dibble, his successor at Parker, and by his presiding elder, Rev. J. P. Jenkins.

Revs. A. Jamieson, Wm. Bartle, C. R. Keckler, A. E. Carhart, Rev. Mr. Gilbert were among the ministerial brethren who attended the funeral and acted as pall bearers, Bro. Nicholls leaves a widow and two children to mourn the loss of a faithful husband and father.

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**SANFORD WASHBURN.**

Sanford Washburn was born in the state of New York. His childhood days were passed on the farm, where he imbibed the sterling virtues of rural life. Moving to Illinois, he taught music in the academy at Newark. He matriculated at Evanston and graduated with the class of Bishop Fowler. His ministerial career opened on Downer's Grove charge, Rock River Conference, which he served acceptably, and also the charges of Morris, Plano and Plainfield. The success of his work is indicted by his appointment to the presiding eldership of the Aurora District.

On account of poor health, in 1881 moved to the territory of Dakota and settled at Rock Creek, now Riverside, where he took up a homestead, and where he resided for a number of years. His zeal for the Master led him in 1883 to organize the Farwell class, composed of eight members, in the home of Thomas Smith. Here the precious seed fell upon good ground and the class grew and prospered. It was at great sacrifice and under peculiar difficulties that he made the long drives in order to care for the class. At the end of two years a school house was built which ever since has been used for preaching services. That it was a vine of the Master's own planting is abundantly testified to by the continued spirituality and zeal of the class.

In 1887 our Brother transferred from Rock River Conference to Dakota Conference and was successively appointed to the charges of Fulton, Plankinton and Howard. Failing health again compelled him to lay aside the work he so much loved, and he in 1896 secured the position of adjuster of tax rates for the Northwestern Railway Company.

He married Miss Addie Cromwell, who in two or three years was stricken with consumption and left the fireside desolate and alone. He married a second time to Miss Mary Booth, by whom four children, two boys and two girls, were born, three of whom are practicing physicians today, the other is the wife of Mr. Kerr. These, with his bereaved companion and brethren, mourn the departure of a Godly man, a true friend and a loving husband and father.

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**EMMA A. DAVIS.**

Emma Amy Smith was born in Rausler county. N. Y., January 30, 1845 and died in Cavour, S. D., August 17, 1904. At an early age, she moved with her parents to Illinois where she was married to S. D. Davis, September 25, 1860. Of this union were born six children, two sons and four daughters. Of these, one son and three daughters are living.

Brother and Sister Davis moved to Iowa in 1868, and in the fall of 1894 came to St. Lawrence, S. D., where they faithfully served the church for five years. One year was spent in Elkton, one in Castlewood, two in Willow Lakes and one in Cavour; in each of these places Sister Davis endeared herself to the people.

For many years she was a sufferer, and for three years she patiently endured great agony of body, rejoicing and testifying that as the Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering, even so might she hope to enter

the heavenly home purified and perfected by suffering. For four long months Sister Davis sat on her couch enduring, praising God and waiting for the summons. She longed to be at rest and sometimes during paroxysms of pain would say "Oh, Lord, how long?" but immediately add in self-reproach, "Any time, Lord, 'till it is enough." To inquiring friends she would always say, "I am suffering, but God knows best. I am ready, and oh, it will be such a pleasure. It will be all right in heaven." After midnight preceding her death, Sister Davis grew more restful and said to those about her, "I believe I am dying, but it is all right." Soon after this, she exclaimed, "The end, the end," and sank into a quiet sleep to awaken satisfied "with Jesus."

For 44 years a wife, for 40 years a mother, for 30 years sharing the vicissitudes of a Methodist preacher's life, Sister Davis has left a record which declares, "she hath done what she could." The funeral service was conducted by Rev. T. H. Youngman in the church at Cavour and the remains interred in the cemetery at Huron.



## SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSIONS AND CONFERENCE

Date	Place	President	Members	Secretary
Sept., 1880.	Yankton .....	Bishop Warren.....	1050	..... Wm. McCready
Oct., 1881.	Sioux Falls .....	Bishop Hurst .....	1366	..... Wm. McCready
Oct., 1882.	Parker .....	Bishop Merrill .....	1504	..... Wm. McCready
Oct., 1883.	Huron .....	Bishop Simpson .....	2782	..... D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1884.	Mitchell .....	Bishop Andrews .....	4469	..... D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1885.	Blunt .....	Bishop Foss .....	5209	..... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1886.	Watertown .....	Bishop Bowman .....	6565	..... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1887.	Aberdeen .....	Bishop Fowler .....	8225	..... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1888.	Yankton .....	Bishop Walden .....	9474	..... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1889.	Huron .....	Bishop Vincent .....	10526	..... W. H. Jordan
Oct., 1890.	Mitchell .....	Bishop FitzGerald .....	9663	..... G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1891.	Sioux Falls .....	Bishop Foss .....	9006	..... A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1892.	Madison .....	Bishop Goodsell .....	9170	..... A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1893.	Brookings .....	Bishop Nindee .....	9749	..... G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1894.	Watertown .....	Bishop Fowler .....	10094	..... G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1895.	Aberdeen .....	Bishop Joyce .....	9510	..... C. H. Smith
Oct., 1896.	Vermillion .....	Bishop Vincent .....	9335	..... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1897.	Mitchell .....	Bishop Warren .....	9269	..... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1898.	Parker .....	Bishop McCabe .....	10429	..... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1899.	Huron .....	Bishop Hurst .....	10960	..... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1900.	Sioux Falls .....	Bishop Merrill .....	11324	..... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1901.	Milbank .....	Bishop Foss .....	11430	..... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1902.	Madison .....	Bishop Goodsell .....	11187	..... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1903.	Aberdeen .....	Bishop Walden .....	11440	..... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1904.	Mitchell .....	Bishop Hamilton .....	11881	..... G. T. Notson

## CONFERENCE NECROLOGY

Name	Place of Death	Time of Death	Age	Years in Ministry	Conference Relation
John M. Rust .....	Vermillion, Dakota .....	1871	41	15	..... Effective
Thomas S. Williams .....	Bridgewater, Dakota .....	1882	50	24	..... Effective
Wm. H. Hoadley .....	Huron, Dakota .....	1886	51	16	..... Supernumerary
T. S. Hunt .....	Aurora, Indiana .....	1887	57	16	..... Effective
Wm. H. Affleck .....	Leeds, England .....	1887	76	.....	..... Effective
Wm. Vivian .....	San Eernando, Cal. ....	1888	45	8	..... Supernumerary
Chas. B. Gilbert .....	.....	1889	.....	.....	..... Effective
Stanley S. Smith .....	.....	1889	.....	.....	..... Effective
Ira A. Sparks .....	Armour, S. D. ....	1894	29	9	..... Effective
Wm. Wesley Brown .....	Thomasburg, Ontario .....	1894	32	6	..... Supernumerary
Geo. B. Dodd .....	Colman, S. Dak .....	1895	36	2	..... Probationer
A. R. Boggs .....	Mitchell, S. Dak .....	1899	64	29	..... Superannuate
Oliver H. Sproul .....	Northville, S. Dak .....	1899	53	26	..... Effective
Francis A. Burdick .....	University Place, Neb. ....	1900	48	23	..... Superannuate
H. T. Curl .....	Oakland, Cal .....	1901	60	33	..... Superannuate
Hiram S. Coon .....	Kampeska S. Dak .....	1902	45	6	..... Effective
Colin T. Cooper .....	Faulkton, S. Dak .....	1903	35	4	..... Effective
Geo. H. Parker .....	Andover, S. Dak .....	1903	35	8	..... Effective
Sanford Washburn .....	Chicago, Ill .....	1904	.....	41	..... Superannuate
Francis T. Nicholis .....	Alcester, S. Dak .....	1904	.....	15	..... Effective
Wm. H. Cory .....	Seattle, Wash .....	1904	.....	19	..... Supernumerary

## LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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The Laymen's Association of the Dakota Conference met in the Presbyterian church at Mitchell on Saturday, October 15, 1904, at 9:00.

After devotional exercises led by Rev. R. N. Kratz, the regular program was taken up.

Plan for a great Methodist forward movement.

(a) Its evangelistic phase—how much? What kind? What agencies to be employed? How best to be conducted? What results to be sought—V. T. Reynolds, Dell Rapids.

(b) Its pastoral phase—What kind and how much pastoral labor does the best interests of the church demand as the laymen see it?—Hon. T. E. Blanchard, Pierre.

(c) Its business and administrative phase—from the preacher's point of view—Rev. S. T. Weaver, Sioux Falls.

Christian Education.

(a) Place and importance of Christian schools—C. B. Kennedy.

(b) What ought Dakota University to do for Methodism? Should its scope be broadened? Should any new features be introduced? What should be its aims and ideals?—S. E. Morris, Redfield.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises led by the president, the business of the session was taken up.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, H. G. Tilton, Vermillion.

First Vice-President, D. F. Jones, Watertown.

Second Vice-President, S. E. Morris, Redfield.

Third Vice-President, J. M. Johnston, Garden City.

Secretary, Wm. Carpenter, Andover.

Treasurer, W. T. McConnell, Wessington Springs.

Some unsettled questions which are up for discussion before the church at large:

(1) Shall the bishops be districted?—G. F. Knappen, Sioux Falls.

(2) Shall we elect bishops for special classes and races?—H. G. Tilton, Vermillion.

Dr. Thomas Nicholson, by request, addressed the association on the work and needs of Dakota University.

H. G. Tilton, delegate to the general conference, gave a very interesting report of the work of that body.

The committee appointed to revise and publish the constitution reported the following:

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE LAY ASSOCIATION OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

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### ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

This organization shall be known as the *Lay Association of the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

### ARTICLE II.—*Object.*

The object of the association shall be to promote Christian fellowship; to familiarize its members with the usage and enterprises of the church, and especially to engage their active co-operation and assistance in the cause of Christian education as represented by Dakota University at Mitchell, and to do such other things as the Association may decide upon from time to time.

### ARTICLE III.—*Meetings.*

Sec. 1. A meeting of this Association shall be held each year at the time and place of meeting of the Dakota Annual Conference, and shall be called to order on the day and hour designated by the executive committee.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the president, with the concurrence of a majority of the officers of the association, and the secretary shall give five days notice to all members of time, place and object of meeting.

All meetings shall be governed by such rules as may from time to time be adopted by the Association.

### ARTICLE IV.—*Quorum.*

A majority of all members present at any session shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### ARTICLE V.—*Membership.*

Sec. 1. The membership of this Association shall be composed of one delegate for every forty members, or major fraction thereof, of each charge, but each charge shall be entitled to at least one delegate, and shall be elected by the quarterly conference of each charge.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the secretary of such quarterly conference to transmit to the secretary of this association the names of the delegates and alternates immediately after their election.

Sec. 3. Vacancies in the delegation of any charge may be filled by this Association from members of said charge who may be present.

Sec. 4. Any person (not a traveling minister) who is a member in full connection of the Methodist church, shall be eligible to membership.

### ARTICLE VI.—*Officers.*

The officers of this Association shall be a president, a first, second and third vice-president, who shall be entitled to preside in the absence or disqualification of the president, in the order of their rank; a secretary and a treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and shall hold their respective offices for the ensuing year, and until the close of the session succeeding their election, and until their successors are elected and qualified; such officers shall be members of the succeeding session of the Association,

but shall not be entitled to vote unless they shall have been regularly elected delegates for that year.

ARTICLES VII.—*Expenses and Collections.*

No collection shall be taken in this Association, except to defray necessary expenses, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Committees.*

There shall be five standing committees, viz: An executive committee, a committee on Dakota University, a committee on state of the church, a committee on resolutions, and a committee on nominations.

The executive committee shall consist of the president, first vice-president, secretary and treasurer. This committee shall prepare the program and make arrangements for the annual session next after their election, and perform such other acts as are usual to an executive committee.

The committees on Dakota University, on the State of the Church, on Resolutions, and on Nominations, shall consist of one member from each Presiding Elder's district, and shall be elected, each by the delegates present, from his own district. If any district fails to have three delegates present the president shall appoint delegates at large to represent such district.

The president shall appoint all special committees unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

The members of all of the above committees shall be *ex-officio* members of the next annual session of the Association, but shall not be entitled to vote upon a division unless they shall have been regularly elected delegates to that session.

ARTICLE IX.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present and voting.

WM. CARPENTER, Secretary.

## Statistics Nos. 1 and 2

## ABERDEEN DISTRICT

E. P. Hall, Presiding Elder

Names of Charges	Church Membership			Baptisms		Church Property							Sunday Schools							
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptised	No. of Adults Baptised	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on O. I. Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance	No. of Officers and Teachers who are ch. memb. or probationers	No. of Scholars whether attend'rs or memb'rs in Home Dep't. who are Church members or Probationers	No. of members of S.S. converted during year	Current Expenses
Aberdeen . . . . .	12	314	5	2	7	1	\$1000	1	\$3500	\$ 307	.....	\$ 806	1	32	425	260	32	175	25	250
Andover . . . . .	6	35	1	1	.....	1	1500	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashton . . . . .	19	62	2	2	19	2	3200	1	1700	100	.....	400	1	8	75	50	8	40	30	28
Bath and Columbia . . . . .	6	66	1	.....	.....	.....	5000	1	500	250	220	280	2	17	65	50	15	.....	5	60
Bowdle . . . . .	1	18	.....	.....	.....	2	2500	1	750	.....	.....	.....	1	11	60	37	11	8	.....	25
Britton . . . . .	2	57	.....	.....	.....	1	2500	1	2000	150	150	270	3	20	175	100	.....	.....	.....	54
Bristol . . . . .	11	38	.....	.....	.....	1	2000	1	800	102	113	.....	1	7	61	40	.....	24	6	40
Butler . . . . .	2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1800	.....	.....	1275	.....	125	1	5	30	22	3	20	.....	15
Claremont . . . . .	18	42	2	.....	11	2	4000	1	1400	63	133	.....	3	23	143	86	18	61	20	37
Conde . . . . .	2	63	2	1	5	1	1500	1	650	205	.....	.....	3	18	90	69	18	22	7	43
DeVoe . . . . .	.....	53	.....	10	3	1	900	1	1000	50	.....	.....	4	27	140	102	19	21	.....	44
Doland . . . . .	27	105	2	1	17	2	3700	1	800	95	.....	.....	3	18	125	83	18	.....	46	72
Frederick . . . . .	9	40	.....	3	6	3	4000	1	1100	1100	.....	.....	3	22	115	55	17	40	7	70
Groton . . . . .	6	106	1	2	4	2	5000	1	1500	448	38	580	1	11	155	103	8	45	4	61
Hecla . . . . .	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	1	1400	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Langford . . . . .	2	60	3	1	.....	2	2000	1	600	50	40	.....	2	16	70	35	14	30	.....	40
Leola . . . . .	6	45	1	1	7	1	2000	.....	.....	175	315	.....	3	9	60	46	7	45	4	44
Mellette . . . . .	9	29	1	.....	.....	1	1500	1	1100	50	400	.....	1	12	80	55	5	12	9	86
Mound City and Herried . . . . .	.....	25	1	.....	.....	1	1600	1	500	.....	.....	.....	1	7	45	35	2	.....	.....	19
Northville . . . . .	3	87	.....	2	3	1	1800	1	1200	209	.....	175	2	23	100	75	20	60	3	60
Selby and Bangor . . . . .	1	45	.....	1	.....	1	1600	1	450	61	25	425	1	13	77	60	13	.....	.....	65
Warner . . . . .	9	60	.....	1	.....	2	2300	1	400	26	.....	.....	2	16	70	60	7	20	.....	40
Totals . . . . .	151	1405	22	38	82	32	\$61800	19	20350	\$ 4366	\$ 1294	\$ 3370	38	315	2161	1442	242	623	166	1153

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support of Presiding Elders		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors' Pres'd'g Elders & Bishops	Conference Claimants			Current Expenses	
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Rec'd From	Other Sources	Total	Church, Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Sunday School; Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Aberdeen.....	J. W. Taylor.....	\$1700	\$300	\$2000	\$1700	300	\$2000	...	170	170	20	20	2190	20	....	20	275	250
Andover.....	N. M. Shaw.....	400	...	400	400	...	400	...	30	30	5	5	435	...	....	...	15	...
Ashton.....	L. V. Slocumb.....	675	150	825	675	150	825	...	60	60	6	6	891	...	14	14	110	28
Bath and Columbia.....	F. J. Norton.....	700	100	800	600	100	700	100	64	52	8	8	766	15	...	15	143	60
Bowdle.....	L. A. McCulloch.....	350	100	450	375	100	475	...	36	36	3	2	513	7	...	7	75	25
Britton.....	W. D. Deeble.....	825	175	1000	825	125	1000	...	70	70	...	5	1075	20	...	20	119	54
Bristol.....	Elmer E. Smith.....	450	100	550	450	100	550	...	45	45	4	4	599	8	...	13	20	40
Butler.....	I. B. Holman.....	500	...	500	400	...	400	100	50	50	5	...	452	...	....	...	5	15
Claremont.....	E. P. Machemer.....	560	96	656	560	96	656	...	50	50	...	...	708	2	...	2	42	37
Conde.....	L. W. Putnam.....	570	80	650	570	80	650	...	55	55	7	7	712	20	...	20	67	43
DeVoe.....	F. L. Bromaghim.....	450	80	530	420	80	500	30	45	45	6	6	551	9	...	9	15	44
Doland.....	Frank Fox.....	575	100	675	575	100	675	...	60	60	7	7	742	9	...	9	150	72
Frederick.....	A. M. Ward.....	550	...	550	457	...	457	93	55	50	7	4	511	7	...	7	85	70
Groton.....	O. W. Butterfield.....	725	100	825	725	100	825	...	76	76	6	6	907	20	...	20	143	61
Hecla.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	30	...	1	31	...	...	...	...	...
Langford.....	C. O. Walker.....	525	100	625	525	100	625	...	50	46	5	2	673	8	...	8	75	40
Leola.....	N. S. Wilson.....	400	...	400	424	...	424	...	36	36	...	...	460	2	...	2	34	44
Mellette.....	R. E. Tarleton.....	675	150	825	675	150	825	...	50	50	3	3	878	10	...	10	75	86
Mound City and Herreid	N. P. Johnson.....	.....	.....	.....	157	.....	157	...	60	60	2	2	219	5	...	5	10	19
Northville.....	J. E. Norvell.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	...	50	50	5	5	755	20	...	20	77	60
Selby and Bangor.....	N. P. Johnson.....	450	100	550	407	100	507	43	40	40	2	2	549	5	...	5	70	65
Warner.....	E. E. Dean.....	500	60	560	460	60	520	40	50	50	5	5	575	10	...	10	50	40
		\$12180	\$1891	\$14071	\$11980	\$1891	\$13871	\$406	\$1232	\$1217	\$106	\$104	\$15192	\$197	\$14	\$216	\$1655	\$1153

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	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Bap.	No. of Adults Baptised	No of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Sch ools	No. Officers-&Teachers	No. of Scholars of all grades	Average Attendance	No Members in Home Department	No. of Officers and Teachers who are ch. memb. or probationers	No. of Scholars whether attend'g or members in Home Dept., who are ch. memb. or prob.	No. of members of S.S. converted during year	Current Expenses
Alpena.....	29	106	1	1	...	12	2	\$ 3000	1	\$ 900	\$ 98	\$.....	\$.....	2	22	195	120	...	20	115	21	50
Blunt.....	18	58	...	1	5	2	2	1700	1	600	36	68	331	1	4	25	18	...	2	5	...	15
Burdette.....	...	36	...	...	...	...	1	1000	1	1400	1050	...	...	2	17	90	42	...	10	...	...	28
*Cavour.....	...	75	...	...	...	9	3	2000	...	...	...	...	525	2	6	60	40	...	6	...	...	40
DeSmet.....	13	84	1	3	...	...	1	2500	1	800	150	...	...	1	9	96	58	...	9	...	...	32
Faulton.....	6	123	...	1	2	7	2	6500	1	1200	450	...	1900	2	25	190	140	50	23	80	10	120
Forest City.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fort Pierre Ct.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gettysburg.....	3	30	1	...	...	1	...	700	1	...	...	...	...	1	7	65	45	...	7	17	...	25
Highmore.....	6	80	1	1	2	...	1	2200	1	1200	35	750	...	1	6	45	30	...	6	40	...	15
Hitchcock.....	6	96	...	...	...	3	2	4000	1	2000	3125	...	250	2	20	130	110	...	18	70	4	100
Huron.....	33	260	1	2	6	4	1	10000	1	1100	300	...	185	1	22	225	...	...	22	135	30	110
Iroquois.....	11	104	...	3	...	6	2	4000	1	1000	300	250	...	2	21	151	83	...	21	85	20	50
Lebanon.....	1	33	...	...	...	...	1	2500	...	...	159	...	...	2	15	55	35	...	5	12	...	23
Miller.....	4	112	...	1	2	2	2	2500	2	1200	485	1325	400	2	9	87	48	22	9	42	36	24
Okobojo.....	2	31	...	...	...	...	...	400	1	...	60	...	...	3	20	60	45	...	7	13	...	21
Pierre.....	6	112	1	1	3	2	1	3500	1	3000	...	500	500	1	17	133	76	...	15	45	3	72
Redfield.....	25	107	...	...	...	...	1	15000	1	1500	5000	...	...	1	12	140	105	...	11	20	20	50
Tulare.....	6	45	...	1	1	4	2	4500	...	...	635	...	200	1	10	80	65	...	35	35	15	60
Wessington.....	...	58	1	...	...	...	1	1000	1	800	110	40	100	2	13	65	45	...	9	...	2	30
Wessington Springs...	11	158	1	3	12	18	1	6000	1	1500	10	...	1100	3	27	216	140	...	25	125	20	57
Winthrop.....	9	74	...	2	2	...	2	3000	1	1000	18	...	...	3	21	95	74	...	15	72	...	50
Wolsey.....	...	50	...	1	...	1	1	1650	1	800	400	...	400	2	15	90	75	...	14	25	...	35
Totals.....	189	1757	8	21	36	71	29	\$76550	19	\$21100	\$12421	\$ 2933	\$ 5891	37	318	2299	1394	72	289	936	181	1007

\*Taken from Minutes of 1903.



## Statistics No. 3

## HURON DISTRICT

J. O. Dobson, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support of Presiding Elder		Support of Bishops		Total Support Pastors, Pre- siding Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants			Current Expense	
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Rec'd From	Other Sources	Total	Church, Sexton Lights, Fuel, etc.	S. S., Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Alpena .....	Pierce O. Blunt ..	\$ 675	\$ 100	\$ 775	\$ 675	\$ 100	\$ 775	\$...	\$ 67	\$ 67	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$352	\$ 23	\$...	\$ 23	\$ 91	\$ 50
Blunt .....	O. L. Cone.....	488	72	560	336	72	408	152	47	39	...	...	447	...	...	...	50	15
Burdette .....	A. L. Cathers .....	450	...	450	379	...	379	71	45	37	5	...	416	...	...	...	10	28
*Cavour .....	S. M. Davis .....	350	...	350	350	...	350	...	35	35	2	2	387	2	...	...	30	40
DeSmet .....	Henry Preston .....	600	100	700	600	100	700	...	60	60	10	10	770	18	...	18	37	32
Faulton .....	Paul H. McBeth .....	800	120	920	800	120	920	...	80	80	8	8	1008	25	...	25	190	120
Forest City .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Pierre Ct. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gettysburg .....	Alvin S. Hoch .....	450	100	550	450	100	550	.....	45	45	.....	.....	595	.....	.....	.....	75	25
Highmore .....	B. F. Stiles .....	425	80	505	406	80	486	19	42	39	.....	2	527	.....	.....	.....	55	15
Hitchcock .....	O. A. Phillips .....	350	100	450	350	100	450	.....	36	36	6	4	490	6	10	16	105	100
Huron .....	F. H. Youngman .....	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	120	120	.....	10	1480	35	.....	35	340	110
Iroquois .....	Jas. T. Gurney .....	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	65	65	6	6	821	15	.....	15	130	50
Lebanon .....	C. J. Gall .....	365	72	437	229	72	301	136	36	31	3	1	333	.....	.....	.....	15	23
Miller .....	D. E. Murray .....	775	120	895	775	120	895	.....	77	77	6	3	975	4	.....	4	102	24
Okobojo .....	C. C. Boslaugh .....	151	24	175	140	24	164	11	40	34	5	2	200	6	2	8	.....	21
Pierre .....	G. T. Notson .....	800	240	1040	800	240	1040	.....	76	76	10	10	1130	16	.....	16	112	72
Redfield .....	A. D. Thibadeau .....	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	.....	90	90	10	10	1200	33	.....	33	150	50
Tulure .....	O. A. Phillips .....	150	.....	150	.....	.....	150	.....	20	20	4	3	173	4	4	8	75	60
Wessington .....	A. C. MacLean .....	514	96	610	514	96	610	.....	50	50	.....	2	662	8	.....	8	47	30
Wessington Springs .....	G. D. Brown .....	800	150	950	821	150	971	.....	80	80	.....	7	1058	16	.....	16	190	57
Winthrop .....	E. S. Bierly .....	500	72	572	500	72	572	.....	50	50	.....	.....	622	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Wolsey .....	C. L. Fillebrown .....	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	60	60	7	7	767	16	.....	16	40	35
		\$11993	\$13989	\$ 1089	\$11625	\$ 1996	\$13611	\$389	\$ 1221	1191	\$ 84	\$ 97	14913	\$227	\$ 16	\$241	\$ 1844	\$ 1007

\*Taken from minutes of 1903

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## MITCHELL DISTRICT

C. E. Hager, Presiding Elder

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Names of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property							Sunday Schools									
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Bap.	No. of Adults Baptised	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Schools	No. Officers & Teachers	No. Scholars of all grades	Average Attendance	No. of Members in Home Department	No. of Officers and Teachers who are ch. memb. or probationers	No. of Scholars who attend or members in Home Dept. who are ch. memb. or prob.	No. of members of S.S. converted during year	Current Expenses	
Alexandria . . . . .	11	183	.....	2	8	26	1	\$ 3500	1	\$ 2150	\$ 150	\$ . . . .	\$ . . . .	2	23	186	116	.....	22	160	35	\$ 100	
Armour . . . . .	2	48	1	.....	1	6	1	3000	1	1500	211	.....	.....	1	10	100	60	.....	8	10	3	49	
Artesian . . . . .	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2500	1	2000	432	60	168	3	34	168	89	.....	31	.....	4	60	
Bard . . . . .	15	48	1	.....	.....	20	2	3200	.....	.....	1092	.....	450	3	23	105	100	.....	21	41	21	44	
Bridgewater . . . . .	8	56	1	2	.....	2	1	2500	.....	.....	677	20	.....	2	17	104	65	.....	15	48	16	.....	
Canistota . . . . .	40	60	2	.....	5	1	2	3000	1	1500	.....	250	150	2	10	60	50	.....	10	.....	.....	65	
Chamberlain . . . . .	4	76	.....	.....	4	5	1	3500	1	1500	110	100	700	1	13	130	84	.....	10	.....	.....	70	
Chandler and LaRoche	2	34	.....	1	.....	1	1	2000	.....	.....	1500	.....	.....	1	15	50	46	.....	14	20	1	17	
Fairfax . . . . .	2	35	.....	.....	5	5	1	2200	.....	.....	850	.....	.....	2	12	110	60	.....	12	35	2	42	
Farmer and Fulton . . . . .	5	51	.....	.....	2	.....	2	3200	1	600	.....	.....	.....	2	15	100	70	.....	12	.....	6	60	
Geddes . . . . .	3	36	.....	2	1	.....	2	4000	1	2000	64	400	1000	2	12	100	80	.....	10	20	3	20	
Howard . . . . .	3	55	.....	1	2	2	3	7200	1	900	600	300	300	2	21	150	110	.....	15	.....	.....	39	
Kimball . . . . .	2	25	.....	.....	5	.....	1	2200	1	800	.....	.....	.....	1	6	40	20	.....	6	.....	6	.....	
Letcher . . . . .	14	52	.....	.....	1	7	1	2000	1	800	1600	80	235	2	15	90	60	.....	9	26	12	31	
Mitchell . . . . .	25	444	5	4	3	15	1	8000	1	4000	450	200	1100	1	32	220	165	25	30	135	32	140	
Mount Vernon . . . . .	7	72	2	1	.....	8	1	3000	1	3000	2500	.....	.....	1	15	100	65	.....	14	.....	19	50	
Parkston and Ethan . . . . .	8	50	.....	.....	4	2	2	4200	.....	.....	200	.....	350	2	18	112	80	.....	18	40	8	55	
Plankinton . . . . .	8	108	.....	.....	1	5	2	4500	1	1100	.....	.....	400	2	28	210	130	.....	24	.....	6	90	
Platte . . . . .	21	141	1	.....	1	8	2	4600	1	1600	75	100	375	4	30	210	170	.....	30	.....	25	110	
Salem . . . . .	8	72	.....	.....	3	7	1	2800	1	2000	138	700	.....	1	15	185	101	.....	14	57	13	60	
Scotland . . . . .	4	73	.....	1	6	6	1	4500	1	1500	75	.....	300	1	16	101	60	.....	16	.....	7	42	
Springfield . . . . .	1	58	.....	.....	4	2	2	2500	1	1000	1200	.....	500	2	14	75	50	.....	11	12	1	38	
Tripp and Delmont . . . . .	20	85	.....	1	.....	.....	2	3500	1	500	.....	.....	.....	2	14	120	75	.....	14	20	30	35	
Tyndall . . . . .	3	68	.....	1	1	1	1	3000	1	1000	1104	.....	1896	1	10	75	55	.....	9	32	.....	30	
Wagner . . . . .	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	40	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
White Lake . . . . .	10	54	.....	1	1	1	1	3000	1	800	.....	.....	.....	2	15	95	70	.....	15	40	6	25	
Woonsocket . . . . .	7	120	.....	1	1	1	1	2700	1	1700	400	.....	150	1	14	150	100	.....	12	50	10	60	
Totals . . . . .	233	2191	13	18	59	131	37	\$90300	21	\$31950	\$13428	\$ 2210	\$ 8074	47	451	3186	2256	25	402	746	267	1932	

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## MITCHELL DISTRICT

C. E. Hager, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support of Presiding Elder		Support of Bishops		Total Support Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants			Current Expense	
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Rec'd From	Other Sources	Total	Church, Sexton Lights, Fuel, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Alexandria . . . . .	E. S. Chappell . . . . .	\$ 1000	\$130	\$ 1130	\$ 1000	\$ 130	\$ 1130	\$ . . .	\$ 100	\$100	\$ 10	\$ 2	\$ 1832	\$ 30	\$ . .	\$ 30	\$ 126	\$ 100
Armour . . . . .	O. Williams . . . . .	540	150	690	540	150	690	. . .	42	42	5	. . .	732	5	. . .	5	95	49
Artesian . . . . .	E. E. Saxton . . . . .	750	150	900	750	150	900	. . .	75	75	. . .	. . .	979	10	. . .	10	45	60
Bard . . . . .	J. A. McDonald . . . . .	500	. . . . .	500	500	. . . . .	500	. . . . .	50	50	5	5	555	10	. . . . .	10	15	44
Bridgewater . . . . .	L. A. McDonald . . . . .	400	. . . . .	400	400	. . . . .	400	. . . . .	40	34	. . . . .	. . . . .	434	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	70	. . . . .
Canistota . . . . .	I. B. Sevey . . . . .	550	100	650	550	100	650	. . . . .	50	43	5	3	696	8	. . . . .	8	66	65
Chamberlain . . . . .	J. C. Baker . . . . .	620	200	820	620	200	820	. . . . .	60	60	6	5	885	11	. . . . .	11	133	70
Chandler and LaRoche . . . . .	C. S. Royse . . . . .	400	. . . . .	400	400	. . . . .	400	. . . . .	30	22	6	2	424	5	. . . . .	5	22	17
Fairfax . . . . .	W. S. Scott . . . . .	400	. . . . .	400	372	. . . . .	372	28	40	43	5	1	416	5	. . . . .	5	60	42
Farmer and Fulton . . . . .	Wm. Mason . . . . .	. . . . .	72	. . . . .	590	72	662	. . . . .	50	50	6	6	718	11	. . . . .	11	94	60
Geddes . . . . .	Norman McLeod . . . . .	700	150	850	700	150	850	. . . . .	70	70	5	5	925	12	. . . . .	12	130	20
Howard . . . . .	John Kaye . . . . .	650	120	770	650	120	770	. . . . .	52	52	7	3	825	12	. . . . .	12	80	37
Kimball . . . . .	C. W. Williams . . . . .	200	100	300	200	100	300	. . . . .	20	20	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Letcher . . . . .	Ernest Holgate . . . . .	500	96	616	520	96	616	. . . . .	52	52	5	5	673	11	. . . . .	11	35	31
Mitchell . . . . .	H. S. Wilkinson . . . . .	1300	360	1660	1300	360	1660	. . . . .	130	130	20	20	1810	40	. . . . .	40	400	140
Mount Vernon . . . . .	Lachlan MacLean . . . . .	800	150	950	800	150	950	. . . . .	60	60	2	2	1015	18	. . . . .	18	100	50
Parkston and Ethan . . . . .	James Crowther . . . . .	600	. . . . .	600	600	. . . . .	600	. . . . .	60	60	7	7	667	10	8	18	85	50
Plankinton . . . . .	A. P. Janes . . . . .	775	100	875	775	100	875	. . . . .	65	65	8	5	945	4	10	14	151	90
Platte . . . . .	W. A. Greene . . . . .	800	. . . . .	800	800	. . . . .	800	. . . . .	80	80	8	8	888	24	. . . . .	24	110	110
Salem . . . . .	S. J. Watson . . . . .	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	. . . . .	90	65	10	8	1173	27	. . . . .	27	130	60
Scotland . . . . .	A. W. Thurston . . . . .	750	120	870	750	120	870	. . . . .	60	60	8	8	938	22	. . . . .	22	127	42
Springfield . . . . .	G. E. Webster . . . . .	550	90	640	551	90	641	. . . . .	56	56	3	3	700	6	. . . . .	6	58	38
Tripp and Delmont . . . . .	J. H. Kearton . . . . .	650	75	725	650	75	725	. . . . .	68	68	8	8	801	12	. . . . .	12	26	35
Tyndall . . . . .	E. T. Underwood . . . . .	500	100	600	500	100	600	. . . . .	50	50	4	4	654	5	. . . . .	5	60	30
Wagner . . . . .	G. J. Corwin . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	109	. . . . .	109	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
White Lake . . . . .	W. P. Slocum . . . . .	500	75	575	500	75	575	. . . . .	50	47	5	4	626	12	. . . . .	12	85	25
Woonsocket . . . . .	F. F. Case . . . . .	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	. . . . .	70	70	10	10	1160	14	. . . . .	14	175	60
Totals . . . . .		\$16255	\$ 2738	\$18921	\$17027	\$ 2738	\$19765	\$ 28	\$ 1570	1524	\$ 173	\$131	\$21420	\$342	\$ 18	\$324	\$ 2484	\$ 1332

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## SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

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Names of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property						Sunday Schools										
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Bap.	No. of Adults Baptised	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Pa d for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Schools	No. Officers & Teachers	No. Scholars of all grades	Average Attendance	No. of Members in Home Department	No. of Officers and Teachers who are ch. memb. or probationers	No. of Scholars whether attend'ts or memb'rs in Home Dept. who are ch. memb. or prob.	No. of members of S. S. converted during year	Current Expenses	
Alcester	4	63	...	1	4	...	2	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1200	...	...	\$ 254	1	0	48	33	...	9	...	...	...	\$ 32
Ben Clair	...	36	...	1	8	1	2	4300	...	...	12	170	123	3	10	123	80	...	12	...	...	...	42
Bloomington-Richmond	1	33	...	...	10	2	2	2400	...	...	285	...	...	2	17	85	60	...	12	...	5	...	32
Beresford	8	70	...	...	2	2	1	3000	1	1200	...	...	...	1	11	85	60	...	10	...	...	...	40
Canton	51	259	3	2	4	...	1	1000	1	5000	150	...	1350	1	16	250	150	...	16	125	20	...	134
Centerville	1	82	...	...	4	...	2	4500	1	1200	...	180	...	2	23	145	93	10	22	...	...	...	61
Colman	10	45	...	...	6	3	2	3300	1	1500	100	50	700	2	15	80	70	...	15	20	6	...	50
Colton Ot.	3	52	...	1	3	1	1	1000	...	...	30	...	...	1	6	54	46	...	5	...	...	...	5
Dell Rapids	4	130	...	3	...	9	1	3000	1	1600	704	46	700	1	10	150	70	...	10	45	10	...	60
Egan	5	54	...	1	1	5	1	1200	1	1500	160	...	375	3	24	150	100	...	20	40	4	...	50
Elk Point	8	73	...	2	1	1	1	4500	1	1500	...	...	...	1	15	150	60	...	15	...	8	...	71
Flandreau	19	121	...	1	4	...	1	5000	1	3000	370	103	1000	2	24	196	103	...	24	60	...	...	75
Flandreau Ot.	3	37	1	...	...	2	1	1000	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	50	35	...	3	...	5	...	16
Garretson	...	52	...	1	...	1	1	2000	1	1000	131	800	515	2	12	60	40	...	12	25	...	...	30
Gayville	10	78	1	...	6	3	3	5000	1	1000	175	...	250	3	24	100	80	...	20	60	15	...	53
Harrisburg	7	79	...	...	10	1	1	2500	1	1800	450	...	...	3	20	150	120	15	13	...	22	...	85
Hartford	5	104	...	...	3	2	1	3500	1	1500	10	65	...	1	17	230	135	...	17	75	...	...	125
Hudson	...	69	...	...	...	...	2	4000	1	1500	125	...	852	1	11	89	40	...	11	20	...	...	19
Hurley	3	90	2	6	2	3	2	2800	1	1000	100	...	...	2	14	100	80	...	12	...	3	...	55
Irene	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	1500	...	...	150	...	130	1	8	42	25	...	2	3	7	...	20
Lennox	25	82	...	...	12	15	2	3000	1	1000	110	175	...	2	28	180	160	10	26	75	50	...	75
Madison	37	218	...	5	6	2	1	3000	1	1500	44	...	...	1	23	275	150	...	23	...	...	...	129
Marion	6	42	...	2	...	...	1	2000	...	...	65	40	93	1	9	25	20	...	5	13	...	...	18
Montrose	10	73	...	...	1	3	1	2500	1	1800	310	107	475	2	18	110	70	30	18	65	15	...	35
Parker	7	111	...	4	1	...	1	6000	1	2000	220	50	300	1	15	204	151	...	15	...	9	...	75
Sioux Falls First Ch.	15	433	2	4	6	2	1	1700	1	5000	200	500	2000	1	42	461	302	...	42	...	...	...	275
Sioux Falls Jordan Ch.	9	101	1	1	15	5	2	3750	...	...	...	...	350	2	24	200	100	...	23	...	6	...	100
Vermillion	23	257	1	7	5	1	1	12000	1	3000	230	525	655	1	22	215	133	15	21	100	5	...	142
Wakonda	2	59	...	...	...	...	2	2000	2	2500	900	...	1200	2	16	100	60	...	15	30	...	...	35
Worthing	1	34	1	1	2	...	1	1800	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	28	25	...	4	3	1	...	12
Yankton	35	182	1	2	12	10	1	15000	1	1800	5000	...	840	2	25	275	140	...	35	175	30	...	125
Total	312	3129	13	45	118	89	43	131550	43	\$43600	\$10031	\$ 2311	\$12162	50	517	4416	2786	80	477	856	223	...	\$2076

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## Statistics No. 3

## SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

J. P. Jenkins, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support of Presiding Elder		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Pres'd'g Elder & Bishops	Conference Claimants			Current Expenses	
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Rec'd From	Other Sources	Total	Church, Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Sunday School; Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Alcester	F. T. Nicholls	\$ 720	\$ 150	8 870	\$ 720	\$ 150	\$ 870	....	52	52	10	....	\$ 922	\$ 17	....	\$ 939	\$ 60	\$ 32
Ben Clair	J. N. Oakley	445	....	445	445	....	445	....	36	36	4	2	483	8	....	491	50	42
Beresford	A. Jamieson	625	100	725	625	100	725	....	54	54	3	3	782	17	....	799	90	40
Bloomington & Richland	J. E. Carroll	325	....	325	325	....	325	....	28	28	3	3	356	4	....	360	20	32
Canton	N. A. Swickard	1100	240	1340	1100	240	1340	....	90	90	14	14	1444	22	....	1466	368	134
Centerville	W. B. Stewart	800	120	920	800	120	920	....	70	70	12	6	996	16	....	1012	76	61
Colman	John Jones	800	120	920	721	120	841	79	56	56	7	7	904	15	....	919	50	45
Colton Ct.	W. E. Shugr	700	66	766	560	66	626	140	30	30	4	2	658	6	....	664	6	15
Dell Rapids	R. B. Beavis	640	150	790	640	150	790	....	60	60	8	4	854	10	....	864	114	50
Egan	D. S. Kerr	600	150	750	600	150	750	....	54	54	6	6	810	5	5	815	70	56
Elk Point	W. F. Minty	600	150	750	425	150	575	175	48	42	2	2	619	6	....	625	150	71
Flandreau	W. A. Cave	1000	300	1300	1045	300	1345	....	75	75	10	10	1430	12	....	1442	186	75
Flandreau Ct.	D. C. Arms	180	....	180	131	....	131	48	40	40	1	1	172	2	....	174	12	16
Garretson	H. W. Smith	550	125	675	550	125	675	....	36	36	5	4	715	10	....	725	30	27
Gayville	H. L. Hastings	660	100	760	660	100	760	....	60	60	8	6	826	1	....	827	100	53
Harrisburg	S. H. Saurtlett	550	100	650	410	100	510	140	45	39	3	3	552	5	....	557	58	85
Hartford	W. O. Betfield	810	125	935	743	125	868	62	56	56	10	5	934	20	....	954	91	125
Hudson	Wm. Bartle	525	75	600	450	75	525	75	32	32	6	4	561	9	....	570	65	19
Hurley	Gordon L. Granger	650	120	770	650	120	770	....	50	50	7	7	827	16	....	843	130	52
Irene	L. R. Keckler	550	....	550	498	....	498	52	28	25	3	3	526	3	....	529	40	20
Lennox	H. P. Eberhart	700	120	820	700	120	820	....	60	60	8	8	888	25	....	913	105	75
Madison	F. T. Krueger	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	....	94	94	14	14	1308	40	....	1348	184	129
Marion	R. A. Carhart	321	16	337	321	16	337	....	28	28	4	4	369	5	....	374	45	18
Montrose	A. E. Carhart	510	120	630	510	120	630	....	40	40	6	6	676	13	....	689	65	35
Parker	J. B. Dibble	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	....	74	74	12	12	1136	28	....	1164	235	75
Sioux Falls First Church	W. H. Jordan	1600	500	2100	1600	500	2100	....	150	150	26	26	2276	26	....	2302	1054	274
Sioux Falls Jordan Church	S. T. Weaver	1000	....	1000	864	....	864	136	58	58	9	5	927	10	....	937	125	100
Vermillion	A. C. Shepherd	1300	240	1540	1300	240	1540	....	116	116	17	5	1661	26	....	1687	453	142
Wakonda	R. J. Van Der Voort	650	144	794	550	144	694	100	46	44	9	6	744	8	....	752	50	35
Worthing	L. V. Scott	500	....	500	401	....	401	99	36	36	4	4	441	5	....	446	36	12
Yankon	G. W. Rosenberry	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	....	60	60	8	8	1168	14	....	1182	225	125
Total		\$22211	\$ 3881	\$21144	\$20823	\$ 3881	\$25030	1106	\$ 1762	1745	\$ 243	\$190	\$26965	\$387	\$ 5	\$392	\$ 4342	\$ 2074

Statistics Nos. 1 and 2

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

Duane Rifenburg, Presiding Elder

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Names of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property						Sunday Schools										
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptised	No. of Adults Baptised	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Schools	No. Officers & Teachers	No. of Scholars of all grades	Average Attendance	No. Members in Home Department	No. of Officers and Teachers who are ch. memb. or probationers	No. of Scholars who attend or members in Home Dept., who are ch. memb. or prob.	No. of members of S.S. converted during year	Current Expenses	
Arlington	8	81	1	1	...	...	1	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1000	8	700	\$ 300	1	15	150	82	...	13	39	...	75	
Aurora	8	60	1	...	...	...	1	1100	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	38	...	4	...	...	20	
Big Stone City	8	114	...	1	1	3	1	4500	1	1500	1600	...	650	1	19	150	111	...	19	90	...	89	
Bradley	2	80	...	...	3	3	2	2000	1	500	130	...	...	2	18	80	64	...	18	20	3	45	
Brookings	31	225	...	1	4	7	2	9400	2	5000	5590	162	...	1	19	260	144	...	19	125	26	70	
Bruce	2	13	...	1	...	...	1	1500	...	...	15	100	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Castlewood	...	24	...	...	...	...	1	1600	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	50	30	...	...	...	...	...	
Clark	2	137	...	...	1	1	1	7000	...	...	...	200	300	1	15	150	80	...	6	50	12	75	
Clear Lake	...	44	...	1	3	1	1	1500	1	1500	75	...	500	1	8	70	50	...	5	20	...	30	
Carona and Wilmot	4	56	...	...	1	...	2	4000	2	1500	700	...	300	2	16	150	80	...	14	...	4	41	
Garden City	4	100	...	2	2	...	1	1000	1	1000	315	...	...	3	25	170	130	...	18	...	2	65	
Gary	11	89	1	1	4	2	2	3600	1	1600	1900	...	500	3	24	130	65	...	20	49	9	40	
Hazel	10	82	1	1	2	4	2	3000	1	1500	400	...	...	3	27	150	90	...	25	...	15	60	
Henry	7	100	1	...	3	...	2	3400	1	1500	443	...	...	3	34	175	100	...	17	90	5	80	
Kampeska	9	19	...	...	...	...	1	1200	1	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lake Preston	15	75	1	...	6	3	1	1600	1	1400	200	...	...	2	14	120	70	10	...	13	120	15	36
Milbank	35	124	...	1	3	9	1	10000	1	1800	390	67	450	1	24	227	133	...	21	110	30	69	
Sisseton	12	66	...	...	9	1	1	2400	1	1400	50	...	461	2	16	130	85	5	...	15	...	50	
Summit	3	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	70	...	15	5	...	...	40	
Watertown	20	360	...	2	8	17	1	15000	1	2000	...	...	...	1	34	325	214	45	...	30	180	20	203
Webster	7	122	...	...	2	6	1	3000	1	1000	35	150	250	2	15	150	125	...	15	70	10	75	
Willow Lake	3	32	...	2	5	...	1	2500	1	1000	...	...	...	1	9	40	30	...	6	...	7	24	
White	17	160	...	1	3	...	2	4000	1	1000	100	...	...	2	18	130	90	15	...	16	15	12	70
White Rock	...	70	...	2	3	...	1	2500	...	...	...	1100	800	4	14	130	110	31	...	14	31	3	90
Waubay	10	35	1	1	1	1	1	2000	...	...	91	...	...	2	17	93	67	...	9	38	...	46	
Vlenna	...	20	...	...	2	...	1	1800	...	...	140	...	...	1	7	80	40	30	...	5	10	...	36
Total	212	2302	6	18	68	56	32	\$82600	20	\$26700	\$12874	\$ 1779	\$ 4711	42	400	3180	2028	151	327	1057	176	1429	

## Statistics No 3

## WATERTOWN DISTRICT

Duane Rifenbark, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support of Presiding Elder		Support of Bishops		Total Support; Pres'dg Elder & Bishops	Conference Claimants			Current Expenses	
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Rec'd From	Other Sources	Total	Church, Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Sunday School; Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Arlington .....	Harry Poston.....	\$ 650	\$ 100	\$ 750	\$ 650	\$ 100	\$ 750	\$	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$	\$	\$ 815	\$	\$	\$	\$ 115	\$ 75
Aurora .....	A. J. Oliver .....				182		182			12			194				11	
Big Stone City...	O. E. Boyce .....	660	100	760	660	100	760		66	66	9	9	835	23		23	160	89
Bradley .....	Wm. Barrie .....	600	100	700	600	100	700		60	60			667	5		5	70	40
Brookings .....	Geo. F. Hopkins .....	1100	300	1400	1100	300	1400		110	110	16	10	1520	12		12	210	70
Bruce .....	Paul G. Sheperske .....	400		400	408		408		40	38	4	4	450	6		6	48	
Castlewood .....	J. L. Jones .....	450		450	230		230	220	45	20			250					
Clark .....	W. L. Meinzer .....	800		800	800		800		80	80	8	8	888	24		24	200	75
Clear Lake .....	E. E. Simmons .....		150	150	300	150	450			29			479				53	30
Carona and Wilmot .....	C. E. Logsdon .....	650	100	750	650	100	750		65	65			822				65	41
Garden City .....	S. E. Boselly .....	550	100	650	550	100	650		55	55		5	710	10		10	75	65
Gary .....	H. K. Wallis .....	600	50	650	600	50	650		60	60			717	8		8	47	40
Hazel .....	O. M. Hyde .....	600	180	780	600	180	780		60	60			847	20		20	100	60
Henry .....	B. W. McEldowney .....	700	150	850	700	150	850		70	70	10	9	929	25		25	50	80
Kampeska .....	Wm. F. Wellington .....	400	100	500	400	100	500		40	40	4	2	542	5		5		
Lake Preston.....	L. W. Darling .....	570	144	714	570	144	714		57	57	5	2	773	2			100	36
Milbank .....	S. A. Chappell .....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050		90	90	18	18	1158	31		31	275	69
Sisseton .....	L. L. Lane .....	800	180	980	775	180	955	25	80	77		5	1037	16		16	35	50
Summit .....	D. C. McLean .....	500		500	500		500		50	50			550					
Watertown .....	W. S. Shepherd .....	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		120	120		10	1630	30		30	725	230
Webster .....	Jas. S. Harkness .....	850	250	1100	900	250	1150		85	90	12	12	1252	30		30	200	75
Willow Lake .....	E. M. Isaac .....	400	75	475	400	75	475		40	40	5	5	520	10		10	54	24
White .....	Thos. Sanderson .....	775	150	925	775	150	925		80	80	8	8	1013	15		15	100	70
White Rock .....	H. J. Kettelkamp .....	480	120	600	490	120	600		50	52		6	658				24	90
Waubay .....	L. L. Layne .....	600		600	600		600		60	60	5	5	665	5		5	23	46
Vienna .....	J. T. Allen .....	400		400	400		400		40	23			423	2		2	75	
Total .....	.....	\$15635	2799	\$18434	\$15930	\$ 2799	\$18729	\$245	\$ 1568	1569	\$ 139	\$146	\$20344	\$279		\$277	\$ 2815	\$ 1355



NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																
	Missions			Board of Ch. Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Collection	Educat'n		American Bible Society	Women's Foreign Missionary Society	Women's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund								
Aberdeen .....	490	10	500	40	1	1	20	240	10	2	177	46	.....	.....	20	18	1075
Andover .....	20	.....	20	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	5	37
Ashton .....	54	.....	54	4	1	1	5	19	10	.....	.....	.....	20	7	.....	6	131
Bath and Columbia .....	53	14	67	8	2	2	6	11	.....	2	53	1	4	.....	15	8	189
Bowdle .....	8	10	18	1	.....	.....	1	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	2	38
Britton .....	37	23	60	6	1	1	5	25	6	1	22	.....	.....	.....	20	5	152
Bristol .....	43	.....	43	6	1	1	5	17	.....	1	.....	.....	80	.....	13	4	171
Butler .....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7
Claremont .....	33	12	45	3	1	1	3	1	13	3	4	2	60	1	2	2	141
Conde .....	46	17	63	6	.....	.....	6	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	20	7	150
DeVoe .....	52	2	54	3	1	.....	2	15	14	5	40	.....	25	5	9	6	179
Doland .....	50	12	62	5	1	1	4	24	5	1	50	1	109	.....	9	7	279
Frederick .....	20	.....	20	3	1	1	4	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	7	4	60
Groton .....	95	.....	95	6	1	1	5	25	.....	3	11	.....	.....	.....	20	6	173
Hecla .....	5	.....	5	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10
Langford .....	24	6	30	3	1	1	2	10	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	8	2	62
Leola .....	6	2	8	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	33	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	49
Mellette .....	17	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3	.....	23	.....	10	3	59
Mound City and Herried .....	25	.....	25	3	1	1	2	13	.....	1	50	.....	185	2	5	2	290
Northville .....	31	14	45	6	1	1	7	20	7	1	33	1	.....	.....	20	5	147
Selby and Bangor .....	25	.....	25	3	1	1	3	16	2	1	6	.....	.....	.....	5	2	65
Warner .....	67	8	75	4	1	1	6	15	10	2	5	.....	109	.....	10	5	243
Total .....	1206	130	1336	114	16	15	91	470	100	23	489	51	669	15	216	102	3707

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																
	Missions			Board of Ch. Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society	Educat'n		American Bible Society	Women's Foreign Missionary Society	Women's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund								
Alpena.....	114	17	131	9	4	2	8	46	4	2	13		142		23	10	394
Blunt.....	11		11	1			1	1					1	1		1	17
Burdette.....					1	1				1							3
*Cavour.....	45		45	5	1	1	1	3						1			59
De Smet.....	120	8	128	5	1	1	3	18	5	1	111		101		18	10	402
Faulton.....	110	20	130	8	2	2	8	50		2					25	8	235
Forest City.....																	
Fort Pierre Ct.....																	
Gettysburg.....	5		5														5
Highmore.....													62		1	2	67
Hitchcock.....	25	15	40	4	1	1	4	15		1	9		68	4	16	4	167
Huron.....	285	35	320	16	1	1	6	78	7	2	92		260		36	10	829
Iroquois.....	41	4	45	5			8	25	6	1			84		15	6	195
Lebanon.....	5		5										60				65
Miller.....	30	5	35		1	1			2				137		4	3	183
Okobojo.....	14		14	3	1	1	2	2		1					8	2	34
Pierre.....	90	18	108	7	1	1	5	25	5		67		80		16	10	326
Redfield.....	150	20	180	13	2	2	9	66		2	39				33	10	356
Tulare.....	8	12	20	2			2	8						2	8	3	45
Wessington.....	30	10	40	5			4	8	5				52		8	2	122
Wessington Springs.....	82	20	102	8	1	1	9	40	3	1			141		16	7	329
Winthrop.....	45	7	52	3	1	1	4	10	8					2	5	2	89
Wolsey.....	50		50	6	1	1	6			1			46		16	7	134
Totals.....	1260	201	1461	88	19	17	81	395	45	18	331		1234	12	248	97	4056

\*Taken from minutes of 1903.

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																
	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid & Southern Education Society	Education		American Bible Society	Women's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(L) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund								
Alexandria . . . . .	275	17	292	5	1	1	15	90	7	1	179		169		30	2	742
Armour . . . . .	90		90	4			3		3				100		5	4	208
Artesian . . . . .	18		18	5	1	1	5	18	7	1	10			3	10	4	83
Bard . . . . .	56		56	5	1	1	4	20	6	1	2		24		10	1	113
Bridgewater . . . . .	5	6	11														11
Canistota . . . . .	30		30		1	1	2	5	3		8		35		8	3	96
Chamberlain . . . . .	32		32	8	1	1	6	20	6		7		55		11	5	152
Chandler and LaRoche . . . . .	33	7	40	5	1	1	5	25	6					2	5	2	92
Fairfax . . . . .	6		6	1	1		5		1						5	1	20
Farmer and Fulton . . . . .	34	5	39	3		1	3	10	6				23		11	6	102
Geddes . . . . .	40		40	4			4	20	3						12	5	88
Howard . . . . .	18	5	23	3			3	20	2				199		12	3	265
Kimball . . . . .	3		3														3
Letcher . . . . .	34	7	41	5			5	17					32		11	5	116
Mitchell . . . . .	450	49	499	25	3	3	30	501	5	2	251		2541		40	20	3920
Mount Vernon . . . . .	57	18	75	8	1	1	12	20	3		14				18	5	157
Parkston and Ethan . . . . .	150	50	200	8			7	30					37		18	7	307
Plankinton . . . . .	58	12	70	5			15	50	10	2	36				14	5	207
Platte . . . . .	60	30	90	10	2	1	10		23		82		115		24	8	365
Salem . . . . .	50	50	100	11	1	1	6	49	4	1	41		262		27	8	511
Scotland . . . . .	75	25	100	12	1	1	10	40	5	1	3		231		22	8	434
Springfield . . . . .	29	8	37	4	1		2	8	3	1			14		6	3	79
Tripp and Delmont . . . . .	75	5	80	8			8	40	3				110		12	8	269
Tyndall . . . . .	20	5	30	3			4				1		31		5	4	78
Wagner . . . . .	7		7														7
White Lake . . . . .	35	5	40	5			6	10			39		81		12	4	197
Woonsocket . . . . .	67	15	82	10	1		12	25	6	1	18		78	8	14	10	265
Totals . . . . .	1812	319	2131	157	17	14	182	969	111	11	691	2	4137	13	342	131	8887

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																
	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid & Southern Education Society	Education		American Bible Society	Women's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(L) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund								
Alcester .....	26		26	4	1	1	4	13	2						6	3	59
Ben Clair .....	10		10	5		1	5	10	6	1				1	8	2	49
Bloomingtondale and Richland .....	11		11	3	1		1	6	4						4	3	33
Beresford .....	27	25	52	3	1	1	3	3	1	1	7		98		17	3	190
Canton .....	140	15	155	10	1	1	10	50			19		353		22	14	635
Centerville .....	63	19	82	5		1	5	25			36		66		16	6	242
Coleman .....	30	15	45	6	1	1	6	20	4	1					15	7	106
Colton Ct .....	32	3	35	2			2	6	4				33		6	2	90
Dell Rapids .....	45	15	60	4	2	1	5	35	3	1	13		96		10	4	234
Egan .....	44	10	54	3	2	1	3	23	3	1	19		21	1	10	6	147
Elk Point .....	41	4	45	2	1	1	2	6	3	1	16	2			6	2	88
Flandreau .....	86	4	90	4	1	1	1	23	2	1	19		112		12	10	278
Flandreau Ct .....	32		32	1		1	2	12	1	1			6		2		48
Garretson .....	34		34	4	1	1	3	19		1				3	10	4	82
Gayville .....	58	14	72	4	1	1	2	20	2		5		46	1	1	6	162
Harrisburg .....	40		40	5			3	3							5	3	59
Hartford .....	104		104	5	1	1	5	20	1						20	5	162
Hudson .....	30	7	37	5	1	1	3	9	3						9	4	72
Hurley .....	90		90	6	1	1	6	30		1	20		33	6	16	7	217
Irene .....	7	8	15	1	1	1	2	8							3	3	34
Lennox .....	60	16	76	6	1	1	6	30	2	1	60				25	8	216
Madison .....	226	34	260	16	2	2	16	70	4	2	172		5		40	14	603
Marion .....	15	9	24	2	1	1	2	15	1	1			11	3	5	4	70
Montrose .....	37	20	57	5	1	1	5	25	5	2	14		74	5	13	6	213
Parker .....	91	23	114	5	1	1	4	55	4	1	73	1	164		28	12	463
Sioux Falls, First .....	184	170	354	26	3	3	26	130	10	3	172		305		65	26	1123
Sioux Falls, Jordan .....	48	5	53	3		1	3	8	7		14				10	5	104
Vermillion .....	120	13	133	12	1	1	12	43	3	1	106		208		26	5	551
Wakonda .....	52	8	60	2	1	1	2	10	5	1			4	4	8	6	104
Worthing .....	24		24				3	14						2	5	4	52
Yankton .....	50	10	60	6	1	1	4	12	7	1	25		77		14	8	216
	1857	447	2304	165	29	30	159	753	89	23	790	3	1712	26	437	192	6712

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	Missions			Board of Ch. Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society	Educat'n		American Bible Society	Women's Foreign Missionary Society	Women's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	*Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund								
Arlington .....	44	16	60	8	2	2	8	40	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...
Aurora .....	17	...	17	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	5	4	...	...	...	...	...
Big Stone City .....	115	10	125	2	1	1	...	40	9	1	10	...	239	...	23	...	9
Bradley .....	20	...	20	3	...	1	...	5	1	1	...	...	28	...	...	...	...
Brookings .....	69	22	91	5	1	1	5	20	2	2	36	14	192	6	12	...	10
Bruce .....	5	...	5	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	6	...	4
Castlewood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clark .....	93	7	100	11	3	2	10	50	6	1	31	...	140	...	24	...	8
Olear Lake .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corona and Wilmot .....	45	10	55	6	2	2	6	30	5	1	...	...	...	...	18	...	7
Garden City .....	30	...	30	3	...	...	3	...	...	1	30	...	20	...	10	...	5
Gary .....	50	...	50	4	1	1	8	38	...	...	...	...	14	...	8	...	7
Hazel .....	100	...	100	9	2	2	8	35	50	2	3	1	346	...	20	...	7
Henry .....	93	7	100	9	3	2	8	45	3	1	20	...	44	...	25	...	2
Kampeska .....	10	...	10	2	1	1	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	2
Lake Preston .....	39	...	39	1	15	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	63	...	2	...	2
Milbank .....	90	49	139	8	1	1	8	62	...	...	128	...	314	...	31	...	18
Sisseton .....	43	5	48	5	4	1	5	18	2	1	59	...	75	4	15	...	5
Summit .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Watertown .....	280	10	290	10	1	1	10	100	5	1	281	...	335	10	30	...	10
Webster .....	80	10	90	5	1	1	5	30	5	1	63	...	257	...	30	...	12
Willow Lake .....	49	18	67	4	1	1	3	20	7	...	...	...	...	2	10	...	5
White .....	75	5	80	10	2	2	8	30	5	2	10	2	100	...	15	...	8
White Rock .....	59	...	59	3	1	1	3	18	5	1	...	...	...	4	9	...	6
Waubay .....	20	...	20	3	1	1	4	15	1	1	...	...	30	...	5	...	5
Vienna .....	8	12	20	1	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Total .....	1434	181	1615	120	44	25	121	618	119	19	680	21	2209	38	300	139	...

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# STATISTICAL SUMMARY, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, FOR 1904

Names of Dis- tricts	Church Membership				Baptisms	Sunday Schools			Church Property							Total Support Pas- tors, Presiding El- ders and Bishops
	No. Probationers	No. Full Memb.	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths		No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for B'lding & Improv. Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old In- debtedness on Church Property	Present Indebt- edness on Church Property	
<b>Aberdeen—</b>																
1903.....	59	1251		8	55	41	337	2099	31	\$ 56350	17	\$ 18200	\$ 2073	\$ 1761	\$ 4463	\$13447
1904.....	151	1405	1	22	120	38	315	2161	32	61800	19	20350	4366	1294	3370	15192
Gain or Loss.	92	154	1	14	65	—3	—22	62	1	5450	2	2150	2393	—467	—1093	1745
<b>Huron—</b>																
1903.....	127	1746	10	13	56	52	404	2683	30	71650	20	18625	23020	286	9482	14350
1904.....	189	1757	8	21	107	37	318	2299	29	76550	19	21100	12421	2933	5891	14913
Gain or Loss.	62	11	—2	8	51	—15	—86	—384	—1	4900	—1	2475	—10599	2647	—3591	563
<b>Mitchell—</b>																
1903.....	164	2094	13	19	119	43	404	3028	36	97100	20	26275	9260	745	6722	18508
1904.....	233	2191	13	18	190	47	451	3241	37	90300	21	31950	13428	2210	8074	21420
Gain or Loss.	69	97		—1	71	4	47	213	1	3200	1	5675	4168	1465	1352	2912
<b>Sioux Falls—</b>																
1903.....	325	3227	13	33	272	53	521	4240	43	118250	23	36900	11819	761	9170	25707
1904.....	312	3129	13	45	207	50	537	4416	43	131550	24	43600	10031	2811	12162	26965
Gain or Loss.	—13	—93		12	—65	—3	16	176		13300	1	6700	—1288	2050	2992	1258
<b>Watertown—</b>																
1903.....	185	2262	8	17	173	43	401	3091	32	85800	20	26620	8232	3084	5511	18810
1904.....	212	2302	6	18	124	42	400	2970	32	82600	20	26760	12874	1779	4711	20844
Gain or Loss.	27	40	—2	1	—49	—1	—1	—121		—3200		80	4642	—1305	—800	1534
<b>Sum Total—</b>																
1903.....	860	10580	44	90	675	232	2067	15141	172	419150	100	126620	53904	6637	35348	90822
1904.....	1097	10784	41	124	748	214	2021	15087	173	442900	103	143700	53120	11027	34208	98834
Gain or Loss.	237	204	—3	34	73	—18	—46	—54	—1	23650	3	17080	—784	4390	—1140	8022

Loss indicated by—

**TREASURER'S REPORT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS, 1904.**

Names of Dis- tricts	Missionary Society	Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	Education		American Bible Society	Women's Foreign Missionary Society	Women's Home Missionary Society	Memorial Hall	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total Cash
						[a] Public Educational Funds	[b] Children's Fund									
Aberdeen—																
1903.....	\$ 1163	\$ 106	\$ 16	\$ 13	92	\$ 298	\$ 91	\$ 20	\$ 362	\$ 62	\$ 1299	\$ 274	\$ 71	\$ 184	94	\$ 4149
1904.....	1336	116	17	15	91	470	100	23	490	51	44	624	15	216	102	3710
	173	10	1	2	—1	172	9	3	128	11	1255	350	—56	32	8	—439
Huron—																
1903.....	1657	99	19	17	94	260	34	19	294	1	815	325	78	168	105	3972
1904.....	1428	93	18	16	79	335	53	16	331	0		1011	11	247	100	3788
	—129	—6	—1	—1	—15	25	21	—3	37	—1		686	—67	79	—5	—184
Mitchell—																
1903.....	1709	150	11	10	137	549	84	141	455	0	319	601	89	268	122	4640
1904.....	2031	157	17	14	182	968	111	11	691	2		4137	13	342	136	8897
	322	7	6	4	55	319	27	—130	236	2		3536	—76	74	9	4137
Sioux Falls—																
1903.....	6848	185	29	27	159	467	89	21	771	5	1174	763	152	416	175	11285
1904.....	2304	165	29	30	159	763	89	23	790	3		1712	26	437	192	6712
	—4544	—20		3		286		2	19	—2		949	—126	21	17	—4573
Watertown—																
1903.....	1823	133	66	24	128	282	83	16	504	8	941	1113	106	231	109	5681
1904.....	1625	120	30	26	120	653	119	19	679	21		2936	32	305	148	6938
	—198	—13	—36	2	—8	371	36	3	175	13		1813	—74	74	39	1257
Sum Total—																
1903.....	13200	573	141	91	610	1956	381	217	2386	76	4548	3076	496	1267	605	29279
1904.....	8824	651	111	101	631	3229	474	92	2981	77	44	10420	97	1547	673	30085
	—4376	—22	—30	10	21	1283	93	—125	593	1	—4504	7344	—399	280	68	756

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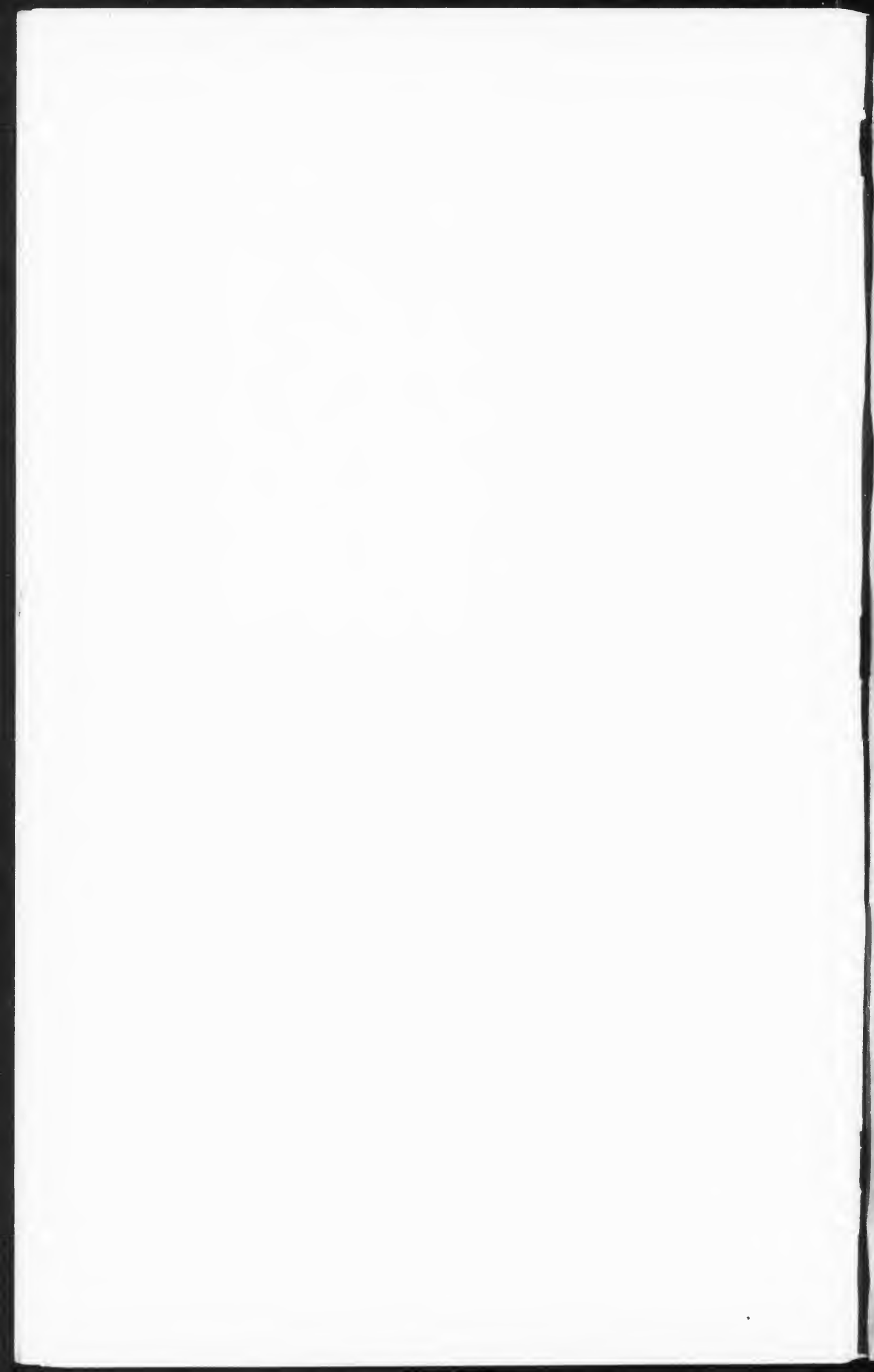
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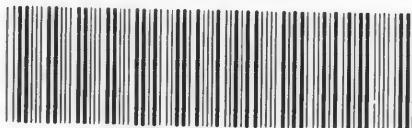
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